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Health care-acquired infection radically reduced

“Reducing the spread of infection is vital.

Sometimes we are all just too busy, and forget to wash our hands properly!

Everyone must take responsibility to keep their own hands clean when around vulnerable people. That includes the professionals, as well as patients, carers, friends, visitors and people at home.

Patients should challenge any professional if they think they haven't cleaned their hands before examining them. The truth is that we all know what we should do to avoid the risk of infection – but we don't always remember!

That's why this campaign is so important – it will be a constant reminder to us all that we all have a responsibility to stay clean, safe and healthy. ”

Camilla Moore,
Hospital Co-ordinator

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A FACE OF LATE-NIGHT DEAL

Musician Vince Martyn claims police were slow to help after he was attacked in the street.
The late-night assault has left him unable to work because of injuries to his fingers.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A MUSICIAN battered unconscious in a brutal unprovoked attack in Deal claims police ignored desperate calls for help from terrified witnesses.

But officers did manage to stop someone connected with the incident – the victim's wife as she drove to her injured husband's hospital bed.

Vince Martyn, 45, from Walmer, was walking with two friends at midnight on Wednesday, January 23, when he was set upon by a man waiting in a doorway.

He was knocked unconscious and suffered severe injuries to his head and face, including a broken nose and dislocated jaw.

Injuries to his fingers also mean he is unable to play guitar, and so his livelihood is now at risk.

He said: "According to witnesses I was punched in the head in excess of 30 times while lying unconscious on the road.

"The police were called immediately, but at no point did they turn up."

While waiting for the ambulance, two members of the public drove to Deal police station to alert officers to the situation.

Mr Martyn said: "They called the phone outside the station and got no answer. They then saw a police car drive out from the rear of the station and go in the opposite direction to the incident.

"To make matters worse, when my wife was driving to the QEQM hospital in Margate to see me after finding out about the attack, she was pulled over by a police squad car.

"They need to get their priorities right – this level of incompetence is going to cost someone their life."

The attack has left Mr Martyn out of work due to dislocated fingers and bruised hips as well as

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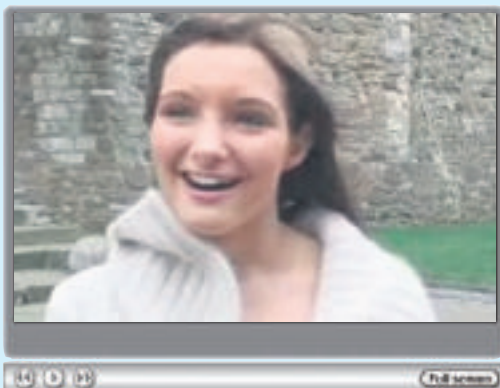


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FRONT PAGE: How we reported the bizarre references to Dover by a Canterbury councillor

Bus challenge in spat over Euro tourists

■ BY NICK AMES

YOURDOVER reader William Gore has issued a strong challenge to outspoken controversial Canterbury councillor Alex Perkins who wants rowdy European schoolchildren to get out of his city.

The retired oil rig worker wants him to catch a bus packed with local children on the school run between his town of Sandwich and the home of the Church of England.

And Mr Gore said the litter hurled out of windows by rude and abusive pupils was far more of a problem than a few kids "painting each other's hair green".

In last week's paper Cllr Perkins – a former city council leader and a member of the Liberal Democrats – said Canterbury should aspire to attracting higher spending tourists rather than coach parties.

He said he wanted to see middle-class couples bring in between £150 and £200 a weekend as opposed to the children – who mainly come from France and Belgium – spending around £5 a trip.

Cllr Perkins also said the children put people off visiting the city because of their unruly behaviour – and suggested the children go to Dover instead.

But Mr Gore hit back this week, accusing British children of far worse behaviour than their Continental counterparts.

"If you go the bus terminal in Canterbury and catch the Sandwich service you can hear them swearing at each other, see them spitting and throwing litter around."

"Some of the language you hear is out of this world."

"Then there is the litter they throw out of the window."

"Cllr Perkins needs to get out and look at what they are doing – polluting our beautiful countryside."

"He should take a ride on the bus and see how badly these children behave."

"And the worst thing about it is the mouthfuls of abuse anyone gets who objects."

"The language is foul and there is the potential for much worse – even violence."

Cllr Perkins said he thought Mr Gore was "probably right" in his statement about the behaviour of British children.

But he declined to enter into further conversation regarding the challenge.

Police 'responded as quickly as possible to assault'

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his facial injuries.

He said: "The friends I was with at the time of the attack are so traumatised they are afraid to go out."

"It was a brutal attack which left me with terrible injuries and yet the police photographer didn't even take pictures until days later."

Mr Martyn was also told by witnesses that while he was unconscious, his attacker remained at the scene and threatened members of the public who were waiting with him for the ambulance.

According to a police spokesman, officers did attend the incident but Mr Martyn had already been taken to hospital and people at the scene had dispersed.

The spokesman said: "We responded as quickly as possible, launched a full investigation and have been making inquiries into the attack."

"We have been keeping Mr Martyn informed on the progress and he has told us he is happy with the way it is being dealt with and doesn't wish to make a complaint."

"With regards to the police officers that drove away from the station, they would have had no idea about the incident as calls at that hour go straight to headquarters in Maidstone."

Anyone with any information about the attack can call police on 01304 240055 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Drunk crashed

DRUNK Luke Price took an Astra car and smashed it into another vehicle before running away, a court heard.

Not only was Price, 20, of Tower Street, Dover, drunk, but he had 26 amphetamine tablets in his pockets.

Folkestone magistrates heard that police were called to Burgoyne Heights, Dover, on August 8 after a disturbance following the crash.

Witnesses told them the Astra was seen swerving all over the road before hitting an oncoming Peugeot.

After a quick search officers found an Astra. Price ran off, but he was soon captured.

Price admitted that he had borrowed the car from a friend and the drugs were found when he was being searched.

A breath test showed he was over twice the drink-drive limit.

Price admitted taking the Astra without consent, possessing Class A drugs, drink-driving, having no insurance and no licence, and failing to stop after an accident.

The case was adjourned to February 21 for probation reports to be produced.

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Mother's joy as injured son home at last

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A MAN from Dover who was stranded in Thailand after a serious road accident has finally returned home.

Richard Price, 38, who was in Pattaya doing charity work with orphans, suffered severe head injuries and a collapsed lung after a moped crash last November.

He was left in a coma for five weeks, but his mother, June, could not afford the flight home for him as he had no travel insurance.

She flew out to his bedside only to be told that it would cost £7,500 for the flight with a paramedic.

Thai hospital bills had already reached a staggering £30,000 – and although much of this had been paid for from Richard's travel funds, the flight home was out of reach.

But after an appeal, enough money was raised and he was able to return to the UK on Wednesday last week.

June said: "Everybody has been

absolutely fantastic. Without them I couldn't have done it and I owe them so much. I can't thank them enough.

"I understand that Richard should have had travel insurance and of course I'm frustrated with him for not doing so, but there are more important things to think about now, like his recovery.

"We're only human and everyone can make mistakes."

Richard was initially taken to Kent and Canterbury Hospital but will be moving to Buckland.

Wonderful

June said: "The doctors and nurses have been wonderful, but Richard is not under a neurologist at Canterbury and he should be.

"Hopefully, when he is moved to Buckland he can settle and get the help he needs."

Following the accident, Richard was left with partial brain damage leaving him unable to speak or walk.

June said: "Although his speech is not back properly, he is walking around, although he is still unsteady.

"When it first happened it was like starting from scratch. Now he can dress himself and walk again."

June said: "I don't know if Richard will ever make a full recovery, but I hope he finds a settled, happier life here."

Richard's case highlights the importance of getting travel insurance when going abroad.

A news organisation source based in Thailand told Yourdover that Richard's treatment in the Asian country was far from unusual.

He said: "Basically, in Thailand unless you can pay your way you don't have a hope. Whether it's the police, the legal system or the hospitals, they are interested first and foremost in cash.

"Foreigners do not get a great deal even in they have dollars or baht [Thai currency] to burn – they are regarded as far less important than Thai nationals.

"But a foreign person involved in an accident and needing help without cash – and possessing no insurance – well, they are really at the bottom of the tree.

"A person who cannot pay will get no help at all from anyone over here."



NO INSURANCE: Richard Price during a cricket tour to Australia

Parking fee plea

THE leader of the Labour group on Dover District Council is encouraging people to speak out against new parking charges imposed by the local authority.

Cllr Ben Bano said people in a car park over the weekend were angry when they realised that £1 will buy just one hour and 15 minutes, instead of two hours as it had before January 31.

Cllr Bano is encouraging people to say how they feel and send any comments or contributions to the review to him, which he will then pass on.

They can be emailed to cllrbenbano@dover.gov.uk.

Roads struggle leads all the way to the Commons

THE issue of A2 dualling has been raised at the House of Commons this week.

During the business questions, Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser addressed the Leader of the House, Harriet Harman, about transport problems in East Kent, including the failure to dual the last few miles of the A2.

He said: "Will the Leader of the House find time for a debate on the failures of the Tory-controlled South East England Regional Assembly to address major transport problems in East Kent.

"In particular its failure to designate Dover as a regional transport hub, and the failure to dual the last few miles of the A2, which is the road to the busiest ferry port in the world?"

Ms Harman, deputy leader of the Labour Party, responded to Mr Prosser's question.

She said: "I will bring my hon-

ourable friend's comments on transport, which is very important indeed to his constituents, to the attention of my right honourable friend the Secretary of State for Transport."

Following the intervention from Ms Harman, Mr Prosser said: "I regularly raise Dover's transport issues with colleagues and ministers in the House of Commons.

Delegations

"I've been able to lead a number of high level delegations to discuss these issues with the roads minister.

"But we will never make progress on solving these matters until we have the support of the Tory-controlled South East Regional Assembly (SEERA).

"There are only seven Labour members sitting on this huge forum and so Dover's voice is lost to those of the more affluent Tory areas of the South East."

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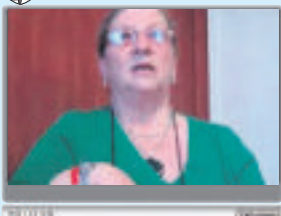


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June Price tells of her joy at her son's return from Thailand

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Themed night brings in money, money, money

CRABBLE Corn Mill's themed nights have proved a success yet again, with a handsome £500 raised at its Abba night.

The event was a sell-out and guests donned 70s outfits before taking part in a quiz and singing contest.

An impressive £500 was raised for the mill, which in recent months has been struggling financially.

Managed by Julia Bensted, the event included a buffet as well as the music and competitions.

MP educates pupils in the ways of government

DOVER and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser has visited St Margaret's primary school to talk about politics.

He met pupils from the local Primary Schools Consortium and spoke about effective campaigning.

The event was organised by deputy head Jeffrey Lofman, who said: "It was a day to kick-start pupils thinking on what it means to represent others and the opportunities and difficulties involved in campaigning and representing others."

Queens don their ball gowns for one last time

CARNIVAL courts from across Kent gathered at their end of year party to compete for Belle of the Ball and Miss Congeniality.

The goodbye party, held by the Federation of Independent Carnival Association Ltd, gave the princesses the chance to say farewell and compete for a final time this season.

Dover senior princess, Jessica West, came third in the senior bell of the ball competition.

Friday is Eco Primary Day at grammar school

PUPILS at Dover Grammar School for Boys are holding an Eco Primary Day to teach children about protecting the environment.

After the success of their Eco Business Day, the students have organised a similar event for Friday.

Primary school children will be bused in and listen to a range of talks and presentations.

For information email Jack Williams on DGSB-SchoolCouncil@hotmail.com.

Back our campaign and beat the bugs

Clean hands will save lives

BY JENNA PUDELEK

DIRTY hands are one of the biggest risks to health inside our hospitals. Today we are helping the NHS launch its campaign for our county. We want going to hospital without first washing your hands to be as unacceptable as drinking and driving.

The campaign follows the devastating outbreaks of the killer bug *Clostridium difficile* in West Kent, which the health watchdog blamed for the deaths of at least 90 patients.

So, this newspaper – along with all of KOS Media's Your local series, and our sister papers Kent on Sunday and the Saturday Observer – has pledged to back this major new campaign to promote hand hygiene in hospitals and healthcare centres.

KOS Media will work in partnership with our hard-working nurses, doctors and healthcare workers in the NHS across Kent in the fight against superbugs.

Such are the risks associated with not washing your hands, paramedics calling at people's own homes have changed their procedures and encourage family members accompanying them to wash their hands first.

Camilla Moore, the hospital co-ordinator at Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT), said: "Reducing infection for vulnerable people is high on our list of priorities, but it doesn't matter how clean we keep our treatment areas if people don't join in taking responsibility to stay clean and keep healthy."

"It's all about keeping our hands clean. So we all need to use the gels provided or wash our hands with soap and water before coming into contact with people who are unwell, elderly or very young."

Gary Turley, a paramedic for the South East Coast NHS Ambulance Trust, explained there is bacteria present in all of us, which



SCRUB UP: Simple hygiene will help prevent the spread of potentially fatal superbugs such as *Clostridium difficile*

is normal and healthy but can become dangerous when our immune systems are low through ill health.

He said: "Our ambulance crews are able to prevent further spread of infection through deep cleaning and using the latest professional methods."

"However, the vast majority of ill or vulnerable people are transported independently by relatives, friends or work colleagues, many of whom wouldn't even give a thought to washing their hands before helping them."

Mr Turley added: "In everyday life we should all strive to be hygienic in our homes and places of work, most especially when we have vulnerable people around us. Hand hygiene is vital and washing your hands with liquid soap and water is the most effective method. Hand-cleaning gel is a good alternative."

Everyone visiting or supporting a sick relative either in hospital, a residential home or their own home must clean their hands before they come into contact with them, he urged.

Managing director of KOS Media, Paul Stannard, said: "We are delighted to be working with the local NHS to raise awareness of the importance of hand hygiene."

"As a local media company we think it's our responsibility to support our local health service."

"If this campaign helps reduce the incidents of killer infections, then it will have been a worthwhile exercise."

"We all have to be reminded of our responsibilities sometimes."



Posters, leaflets, articles, radio interviews and film clips will be spreading the campaign's message throughout the year and throughout the county.

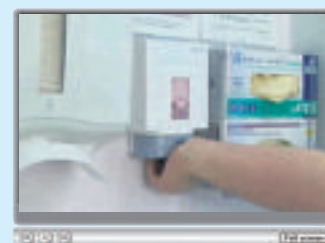
Radio station Invicta FM has agreed to help KOS Media push the hand hygiene point.


Sarah Andrews, director of nursing at the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT, said: "I made a commitment when I was appointed to this post last March to reduce the spread of healthcare-acquired infections drastically in our area, and that's exactly what this campaign aims to do – I am delighted that KOS Media is working with us to help achieve this."

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SICKNESS: The frightening pallor of Rob Livingstone tells of his encounter with the dreaded norovirus

Illness left me feeling like a child

After thousands of people across the county fell victim to the dreaded norovirus, the germ finally appears to be on the retreat. Yourdover reporter **ROB LIVINGSTONE** tells of his wholly unpleasant encounter with this nasty little bug.

IT had to happen eventually – the norovirus caught up with me.

According to some reports, the label of 'epidemic' was all too soon attached to what is probably just a winter stomach bug – so chin up and keep a stiff upper lip, you pansies (not the most natural position to maintain in the circumstances).

Some health professionals say that increased awareness of the bug has led to higher standards of hygiene and prevented an epidemic, but as doctors have told patients with symptoms not to come forward to prevent the spread of infection, the actual numbers are more guesswork than anything else.

Drinking

Reports, as they say, are conflicting. All I know is that five days after my father caught it, and three days after my mother caught it, I spent an extremely unpleasant night experiencing the worst bout of vomiting and diarrhoea since I got drunk on home-brewed vodka when I was 18.

Years later and it occurs to me that there are many similarities between the norovirus and drinking dodgy vodka.

The projectile vomiting, the lack of control over one's bowels, passing out for eight hours

the next day – all of these joys came to pass and I didn't even get drunk.

As I write this piece, my only consolation is that, two and a half days after catching the bug, my digestive system has been so completely purged that I can't be sick any more.

Based on the experiences of my parents I am over the worst.

I am still highly infectious but, aside from the occasional bit of queasiness and perpetual exhaustion, I no longer feel like there is a bubbling volcano in my stomach.

What I am now experiencing is a curious kind of nostalgia, though this is probably due to the taste of flat Coke (the best way to keep up the salt and sugar levels).

Why is it that the symptoms only manifest themselves at night?

When you're a child it could be that while asleep your level of bodily self-control is reduced, but I hadn't even gone to bed before I found myself praying at the porcelain after a few nights ago.

The visits to the bathroom in the small hours, the fatalism of siblings and loved ones ("If you've got it, then I'm definitely going to get it"), quarantine from work colleagues.

It all adds up to a trip back to childhood and a detour into long, dark nights of the soul.

The noro, the noro...

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Plastic bags under fire from environmentalists

CAMPAIGNERS want to make Deal the first plastic-bag free town in Kent.

Deal With It, a local environmental group, came up with the scheme after discovering that eight billion plastic shopping bags are used each year in the UK.

An exhibition is being held at Deal Library until Friday, February 15, to raise awareness of the damage caused to the environment by plastic bags.

The exhibition includes artwork from Dover College, St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Northbourne Park School.

Photos of animals and birds caught up in plastic are on display and the group hopes this will convince people to stop and think about the environment.

On Wednesday, February 27, there will be a larger exhibition at St George's Hall in Deal High Street. There will be a meeting later in the day with the town's retailers to discuss how the campaign can be taken forward.

For more information, you can email normanrosierechter@hotmail.co.uk.

Cheap Channel crossings to cheer on England

FORGET England's woeful rugby display on Saturday, convince yourselves they can do a whole lot better, and catch a ferry over the Channel for their Six Nations clash with France.

SeaFrance is running any-duration services from just £26 each way for a car and passengers so fans can watch the tie at Stade de France on Saturday, February 23, without breaking the bank.

For accommodation ideas, visit www.seafranceholidays.com, or to book a crossing on SeaFrance Dover-Calais ferries visit www.seafrance.com.

Valentine's romance is in the air at Ramada Hotel

YOU can treat your loved one this Valentine's Day with dinner at the four-star Ramada Hotel in Dover.

A three-course candlelit meal will be on offer on Thursday, February 14, and Saturday, February 16. Singer Barry Noble will add to the occasion.

Prices for the dinner are £29.95 each on the Thursday and £25 on the Saturday.

There are also packages giving couples the chance to stay at the hotel and have the Valentine's meal for £120 on the Thursday and £110 on Saturday. To book, phone 01304 821230, or email events@ramadadover.co.uk.

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All Stars Band 19th Annual Charity Concert 7.30pm	APRIL 2008	Sunday 18th	Sunday 18th
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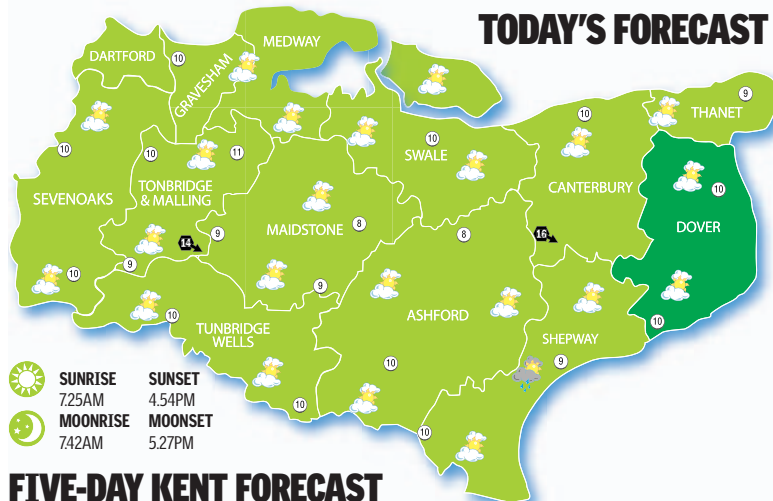
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Leaked memo reveals Government ID plans

DOVER campaigners opposing ID cards have criticised Home Office plans to make young people get one when applying for a drivers licence. The revelation about the proposals came from a leaked memo at the Identity and Passport Service.

It stated that the government could force people to get ID cards if they want to get a driving licence, a bank account or student loan.

It said: "Various forms of coercion, such as designation of the application process for identity documents issued by UK ministers (eg passports) are an option to stimulate applications in a manageable way."

"There are advantages to designation of documents associated with particular target groups, eg young people who may be applying for their first driving licence."

Ian Taylor, Dover coordinator of the NO2ID campaign, is furious about the revelation.

He said: "As recently as early January, Gordon Brown insisted that ID cards will remain voluntary for Britons unless Parliament decides otherwise."

"Now we learn that the government plans to force many people to get ID cards if they want to get a driving licence, a bank account or student loan. This planned coercion exposes the dishonesty of claims that government ID cards would be voluntary."

If young people are made to buy an ID card when applying for a driver's licence it will set them back £93.

NO2ID is a campaigning organisation which focuses on the threat to people's privacy through the growth of the database state.

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STEPHEN DAVIES



Q What do you like about your home town?

A Well, Dover is a friendly town – I really enjoy living here. It has so much potential, the council needs to start exploiting that. This place has so much going for it in so many ways. All the history, the castle and suchlike.

But at the moment we get all these cruise ships coming here to dock and tourists just get into coaches and they are driven off to Canterbury, London, or wherever.

We need to make sure there is enough here to keep them in Dover. That would benefit the economy and the community. It's the way this town could move forward in such a positive way.

Q What would you do to improve matters in Dover?

A It is the gateway to Britain for so much of the Continent – the White Cliffs are an enduring part of the country's self-image and an internationally recognised symbol of identity. What this town really needs is improvements in its shopping facilities. We need more major brand-name stores here. Those sort of prestige outlets would attract more people to the town.

Canterbury is a great example – you have restaurants, bars and cafés side by side and it really looks good. It makes the town so much more attractive. We need these rather than charity shops.

Q What is it about charity shops you so dislike?

A Well, I feel bad about saying this. I know charity shops generate income for so many worthwhile causes, but it just does not look good for a town to have so many second-hand stores.

Q Running a pub has always struck me as an interesting occupation. How do you find the work?

A It's really interesting, something different is always going on. You meet a fierce amount of people – of course I mean a whole lot of people, not that they are actually fierce. But people are constantly coming through the doors. We have a good number of regulars who I have got to know well and then there's the passing trade, which keeps things variable.

Q How would you like to develop the premises?

A Outside seating is one thing I am very keen on, especially for the summer months. I have been lobbying the council and have managed to obtain permission for 17 tables and 68 chairs for my customers.

Previously there were huge restrictions on the amount of time that seating could be left outside. Basically it was limited to just a short space of time in the evening. But I stood up in front of the council and got permission to set them up from 8am until 11pm. I was very happy with that and I am sure my customers will be, too.

Q What do most people drink in your pub?

A Lager is still the biggest seller, but we do have a specialisation here – we specialise in cider. It's an up-and-coming drink. We have a large variety – we have 'real' ciders like scrumpy, some on draught as well, and then there's the bottled cider.

Q So who is drinking cider these days?

A It's interesting – younger people are drinking it now. It all started with Magners, the Irish cider. It was marketed well and became hugely popular, but now some people have moved on and are experimenting with others.

Q Magners is popular over ice, isn't it?

A Yes, but now is not really the weather for that. It's a real summer drink.

Q What about you, what do you like to drink?

A Well, my favourites are cider and Guinness

Q But not together?

A Obviously not!

Q & A

Pub landlord Stephen Davies, who runs the Prince Albert in the centre of Dover, talks to Nick Ames about the town and the local community as well as what it is like to run a busy and popular watering hole



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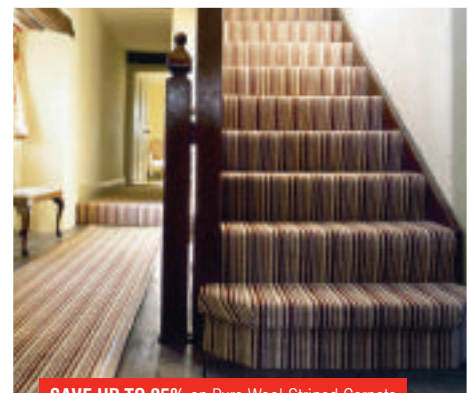
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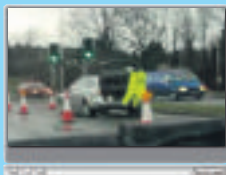
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Thanet is Kent's potato capital. Meet the men who supply three-quarters of the spuds sold by Tesco in the county.



Meet the new bouncing baby howler monkey at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park near Hythe.



Surely the strangest film on Yourkenttv - Graham B is sure traffic cones are taking over! Shot in his own unique style.



Tracing your family tree is not as easy as people think. A little tuition and guidance from the experts can be a huge help.



Soon all teens under 16 will be eligible for free bus travel under a KCC scheme. Keith Ferrin explains how it works.

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Join the Race for Life and help beat cancer

■ BY NICK AMES

WOMEN across the district are being invited to enter Cancer Research UK's Race for Life 2008.

And the charity is asking them to pass on the invite to friends, family and colleagues now that entries are open for the event – due to be staged in Folkestone.

It takes place on The Leas on Sunday, June 15, at 11am and is the main race for those from across Shepway.

Race for Life is the UK's largest women-only fundraising event, where women of all ages come together and walk, jog, or run 5k to raise money to help Cancer Research UK beat cancer.

Many women who take part in Race for Life do so for a personal reason; some women are cancer survivors while others take part in memory of or to celebrate the lives of loved ones affected by cancer.

Natasha Etienne, area event manager for Race for Life said: "We hope this is an invitation women can't refuse. At Race for Life there are thousands of women of all ages and abilities, shapes and sizes who will motivate and inspire each other to complete the 5k course."

"Many simply walk round, chatting and having fun, but all share and enjoy the incredible sisterhood and spirit on the day."

"Last year's events had an unforgettable atmosphere and we raised an incredible £164,000."

"This year, we are hoping that 3,000 women will sign up to take part in the Folkestone event, helping us to raise an even higher total."

In Canterbury, patients with follicular lymphoma – a cancer of the immune system – are being recruited for a clinical trial.



UNIQUE ATMOSPHERE: Thousands of women are expected to take part in this year's fund-raising event

Cancer Research UK-funded scientists are investigating whether giving lower doses of radiotherapy may be as effective as higher doses in controlling the cancer.

This may help to reduce side effects from the treatment.

Sevenoaks resident, and TV and radio presenter Gloria Hunniford, patron of Race for Life said: "I'm extremely proud to be patron of Race for Life 2008 and would urge every woman, no matter what their age or ability, to sign up for their nearest event."



OLD FRIENDS: Many run to commemorate loved ones

lion to fund vital life-saving research into the prevention, treatment and cure of all types of cancer.

To enter Race for Life 2008 or for more information, visit the website www.racefor-life.org or call the hotline on 0871 641 2275.

• There will be eight Race for Life events in Kent. These are in Maidstone on Sunday, May 18, and Sunday June 8, both starting at 11am; in Paddock Wood on Wednesday, May 21, starting at 7pm; in Gillingham on Sunday, June 1; in Folkestone on Sunday, June 15; in Thanet on Sunday, June 22; in Ashford on Sunday 29 and in Herne Bay on July 6, all starting at 11am.

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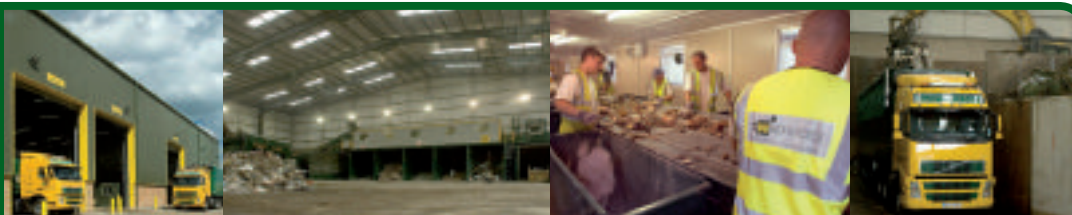
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Awards for our inspiring and courageous youngsters

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

YOUNG people from Dover and around Kent have had their achievements in the face of adversity recognised in the 14th Kent County Council TryAngle Awards.

At a glittering ceremony at Margate's Winter Gardens two teenagers from Dover were among those receiving awards.

Dignitaries from Kent County Council, as well as Kent Police and MPs listened to stories of remarkable courage in the face of overwhelming adversity – resilience that many adults would be incapable of.

Discomfort

George Duxbury Williams, 13, from Dover won a TryAngle Award for Bravery for the way he has faced his condition of exostosis, a disease that requires significant surgery to remove growths on his bones.

George, who attends Walmer Science College, has organised school assemblies despite the pain and discomfort of his condition.

Danielle Horn, 14, from Dover won a TryAngle Young Carers Award for her work in looking after her mother and her younger siblings.

After her mother fell ill, Danielle had taken over many of the household tasks, as well working towards her GCSEs.

This year's awards also saw two siblings take home the coveted Spirit of the TryAngle Award, as well as a Young Carers Award.

Aaron and Lauren Christmas from Ashford have given their love and support to a number of children over the last three years by helping their parents as foster carers.

Aaron and Lauren were awarded the Spirit



RIGHT SPIRIT: Siblings Lauren and Aaron Christmas receive their TryAngle young carers award for all their work helping their foster carer parents from head of Kent Youth Service Nigel Baker

of the TryAngle Award for their help in caring for the latest arrival in the Christmas family – a five-year-old disabled boy who has lived with them for 18 months.

This has meant that the two teenagers from Shepway have had to give up normal activities that people of their age would be able to do, such as swimming, bike riding or going for walks on the beach.

Presenting the award, this year's host, BBC



HELPING HAND: Danielle Horn received her young carers award from the head of the Kent Youth Service Nigel Baker

Radio Kent's Jo Burn, told Aaron and Lauren that they had made sure that the first years of the life of little boy who lives with them was full of fun and love.

Aaron said: "It feels quite nice to have actually won something; we have been trying really hard."

KCC Cabinet Member for Community Services Mike Hill said: "Since its launch, the Spirit of TryAngle Awards has recognised the

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There was plenty of reason to be cheerful at the TryAngle awards

achievements of hundreds of young people across the county.

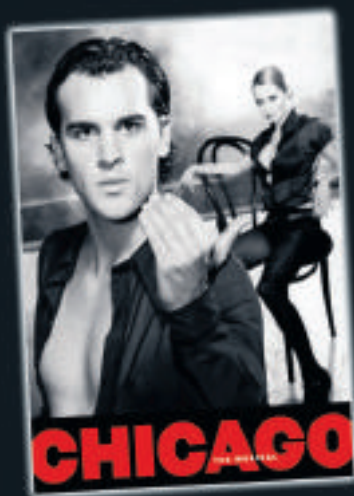
"The ceremony brings together young people whose stories are inspiring to others and who truly reflect the spirit of these awards.

"It is very exciting for them to be honoured in this way and I would like to extend my congratulations to all the winners."

Guest of honour Hilary Lister, who has recently sailed solo around the Isle of White despite the fact she is a quadriplegic, said she was overwhelmed by being invited.

"It is hugely humbling, you hear a remarkable story about a young woman, and then you hear another remarkable story and you think 'this can't go on for two hours'."

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KoS journalist picks up top media award

KENT on Sunday journalist Jamie McGinnes has been named Kent's Best Newspaper or Online Journalist of the Year at the 20th Shepherd Neame Kent Journalist of the Year Awards.

Mr McGinnes, who works across both our sister titles Kent on Sunday and the Saturday Observer, impressed judges by breaking a story on the cost of foreign

prisoners in Kent's jails several months before the national press.

This year's awards attracted a record 120 entries and were judged by a panel including Kim Fletcher, former editorial director of the Telegraph Group and chairman of the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ), and Tim Luckhurst, professor of journalism at the University of Kent and a former editor of The Scotsman.

Mr McGinnes, 30, said: "I'm very pleased to have been given this award. This is further recognition of how far

Kent on Sunday has come in the six years since it was established.

"The paper was again named the best free paper in Britain last year and our recent launch of midweek titles and websites will only strengthen our position and enhance our reputation."

Tributes were paid during the event, which was held at the Shepherd Neame brewery in Faversham, to the late Lord Deedes, who died last year.

The Kent Journalist of the Year was Colin Campbell, of BBC South East Today.



RECOGNITION: Jamie McGinnes receives his award from former radio presenter Barbara Sturgeon

Well-being of unpaid carers highlighted by new course

A COURSE designed to help carers looking after friends or relatives is to be staged by the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust later this month.

The course, Looking After Me, is aimed at helping carers be more aware of their own health needs as they

devote their time to others.

Among the issues covered will be relaxation techniques, dealing with tiredness, healthy eating, coping with depression, communicating with family, friends and professionals, and planning for the future.

It does not cover practicalities such as lifting and handling people who need care.

The six classes will run from February 21 to March 27 between 2pm-4.30pm.

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But neither do we need to play second fiddle and take people the snooty city does not want.

It's worth quoting Cllr Alex Perkins in full.

After pointing out that visitors already come to our castle, he suggested they make their way to our town to pave the way for high-spenders.

These are the people he wants to come here: "It's a minority but you can see French or

Belgian schoolchildren running around colouring each others' hair green and spraying each other with silly string.

"We were debating coach parks when I said what we need is more hotels.

"With such facilities we can ask ourselves – how many of these coach parties do we need?

"A middle-aged couple staying in a hotel will spend an average of £150-200 a weekend. This is against a schoolchild, who spends an average of £5 per visit.

"And the children can have a negative effect on the higher spenders who want to spend quality time here. It is largely a matter of supervision.

"For example I was outside the Lord's Mayor's place when a German student – who had been wading in the river on a hot day – came up to us and we saw he had cut his foot. We couldn't find a teacher – nor could any of the other pupils who volunteered to help.

"Also we couldn't stop the bleeding and so we eventually called an ambulance. When a teacher did appear we discovered they had been in the pub all afternoon after just supervising the children for the morning."

What a load of twaddle.

Schoolchildren the world over should be given the right to enjoy the attractions of Kent and see what we have to offer.

"Painting hair green", "spraying each other with silly string" – I'm sure these sort of things happen once in the proverbial blue moon.

And what a contrast his old-fashioned view and his middle-class stereotypical attitudes are to the stance adopted by Dover council.

This is one time we should really be proud of council leader Paul Watkins.

He said Dover was going through a regenerative phase and we welcomed all visitors.

And full marks to him for the phrase "multi-generational tourist destination" – if not for the even more jargonistic "major value-added spend" (whatever that is!).

Our town should be thankful we have such a friendly and all-enveloping attitude instead of a narrow-minded, money-grabbing one.

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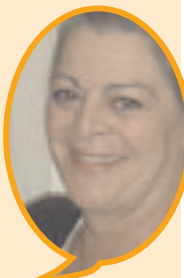


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TALK TIME

JOANNA JONES

Joanna Jones is a partner at Dover Arts Development. She talks to Yourdover about the area and why she moved here.



Can you tell me a bit about yourself and why you moved to Dover?

I came to live in Dover in 1997 from Berlin. I had been living in Germany for twenty years having moved there from London. I studied art and have continued to make art all my adult life. Deciding to relocate to the UK, Dover seemed ideal for the immediate link to mainland Europe and relatively easy access to London. The property prices were also very attractive ten years ago.

Dover Arts Development was formed in January 2006. What is the main aim of the organisation?

Dover Arts Development grew out of a wish to create a niche for Dover in the emerging cultural landscape of East Kent lying as it does between Margate and Folkestone. DAD's aim is to embed high-quality visual arts projects into the life of Dover Town and District and assist with the development of a long-term arts strategy here.

Having lived in Dover for over ten years, what is your favourite thing about the town and surrounding area?

I am passionate about Dover. There is so much energy here, there are so many good people and a huge pool of talent. Dover Arts Development strongly believes that anything that has real sustainability and relevance has to be developed by the people on the ground.

• DAD is a partnership of three artists: Christine Gist, Joanna Jones and Clare Smith. They deliver high quality contemporary art projects in Dover and the Dover district.

For more information or to find out more about their projects visit www.dadonline.eu

YOUR LETTERS

City should offer kids something

So we should put up with rowdy Eurokids, should we (last week's Yourdover)? I really don't think so.

Canterbury claims it is a major tourist destination.

Maybe if it offered something for younger people they wouldn't be such a nuisance.

Paul Newton
Dover

There's nothing to do in Dover

The piece that was run last week on a Canterbury person saying badly-behaved children on trips should go to Dover infuriated me – but not in the way intended.

It got me thinking – what would they do if they did actually come to our town centre?

There is absolutely nothing here for them at all, so running amok is possibly their only option.

Philip Jenkins
Dover

On road to noise and problems

Perhaps the elected representatives of the residents of Dover being traumatised by the temporary traffic diversions caused by major repairs to the A20 will now understand and support the villagers in East and West Langdon, Guston, Martin, Martin Mill, Pineham and Whitfield.

These people are being threatened by five proposed enormous, 120-metre wind turbines which



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will be in use 24/7 and a blot on the landscape for at least 25 years.

The noise and health problems, particularly at night, will be horrendous for all these villagers as

the turbines, if built, will comprise one of the highest installations and the closest to houses in the whole of the UK.

Helen Spiegelberg
East Langdon

Wind power is not just hot air

I'd like to respond to last week's letter from Bill Hyde.

The UK has the best wind power potential in Europe. Countries like Denmark and Germany have invested far more into wind farms, but their potential is far less than our own.

We can generate more electricity from wind power, mainly offshore, than any other European state, if we build enough turbines. And the potential for jobs in Kent from safe and clean energy systems is enormous.

So Mr Hyde is wrong in assuming wind speeds are insufficient to achieve such goals when standard textbooks on renewable energy say otherwise.

After all, how much electricity we get from wind turbines depends on how many turbines we have built offshore: it is not just about the annual cycle of wind speeds.

However, no one has ever argued the UK should depend on one energy technology.

The best alternative to any new power station is still energy conservation. We can easily cut energy wastage in this country by 30 per cent and 50 per cent is possible in the long term. This is the cheapest way to deal with energy needs.

So we do not need Kingsnorth or Dungeness C.

Other renewable energy technologies which can produce large amounts of energy include wave and tidal schemes, ground source heat pumps, combined heat and power schemes and, above all, microgeneration.

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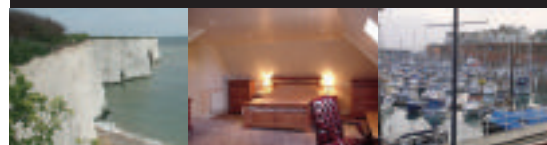
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public buildings are not fully equipped with solar water heating and solar panels already.

I cannot stress enough how much useful employment can be created by strong commitments to energy conservation and renewable energy.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

Another road block for town's drivers

The traffic levels in Dover are appalling and something needs to be done. Now we hear that one of the planned diversions is not viable. This is truly infuriating as the town is a bottleneck at the best of times.

Us motorists have been very badly served by local planners, who really do need to get their act together.

Terry Hayes
Dover

You should only pay originality

I had a quick look at the videos featured in last week's newspaper which won cash prizes.

While admitting the visuals and design of the winning entry are impressive, I do not quite see the point in putting an act to someone else's music – in this case the band Prodigy's work.

To my mind, music and video should all be original work for anything to be truly considered an artistic statement.

Fiona McMillan
Folkestone

Pap stalkers deserve disdain

Last week's blogger called into question the actions of singer Chris Martin and his well-publicised spat with a photographer.

Well, I fully back him and so does everyone I know. These so-called photographers are nothing more than glorified stalkers.

Melanie Black
Folkestone

When vultures strike celebrities

Last week's blogger talked about the Coldplay singer-photographer altercation.

Did he or she know that paparazzi is an Italian word meaning 'vulture'?
Thomas Jones
Dover

What about our own talent?

It's good news that Dover Castle is being promoted as a travel destination and I look forward to watching The Other Boleyn Girl.

But I agree with the views expressed by actress Siobhan Hustler – why have three Americans in the top roles when it is a story about our heritage and culture?

Give British talent a chance to shine, film people.

Sandra Pennington
Capel

Expansion will be nothing gained

Last week a correspondent pointed out how few local jobs would be created by the Lydd airport expansion plans.

They are quite right. The town – and the Marsh in general – is not swarming with pilots, navigators, flight engineers and the like.

We stand to lose our natural landscape and gain nothing by these plans.

Brian Hacksfield
Lydd

Stall in shopping since market move

The point about the market in Folkestone raised last week is valid. No one cares any more now that it is stuck in the town centre.

I used to love going to it, but since its move I have just not bothered at all.

Tracey Jacques
Folkestone

Border force won't be strong enough

Is the single border force which is planned for our frontiers going to make the slightest amount of difference to the porous nature they show on so many occasions?

It seems a toothless force to me and will in no way help to keep undesirable from our shores.

Nigel Knowles
Dover

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NEVER FORGET: Musical charts the progress of five Manchester lads trying to form a Take That tribute band, featuring all the old favourite songs

Musical will relight fire

Show Take That fans won't want to miss

RELIVE the magical early career of Take That as the smash hit musical *Never Forget* kicks off a national tour.

After playing to more than 100,000 people in five major cities last summer, the show is now launching a national tour at the Churchill Theatre. The spectacular production features amazing special effects – such as a moving curtain of rain and a 10ft high wall of fire – as it charts the progress of five Manchester lads trying to form a Take That tribute band.

Ash, Jake, Adrian, Jose and Dirty Harry embark on an incredible musical journey, during which they discover that trying to be someone else can help you to find yourself. Featuring all the boy band's favourite hits, such as *Relight My Fire*, *Pray* and *Back For Good*, this will be an unmissable treat for both Take That fans and lovers of good musicals. Footage from *Never Forget* can be viewed on our website www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

The real-life band began life in the spring of 1999. Manchester was at the hub of an indie music revolution, but manager Nigel Martin-Smith thought the charts were lacking something.

He assembled a group of good-looking young men to bring back great teen pop and live entertainment – club circuit veteran Gary Barlow, 19, vehicle painter, DJ and model Howard Donald, 21, and Jason Orange, a 19-



NEVER FORGET
Friday, February 22, to Saturday, March 1
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year-old painter and decorator who was also a talented dancer. He added former child model Mark Owen and body popper Rob Williams, both 16, and Take That was born.

The first couple of years were not hugely successful, their efforts to break into the market relying on guesswork. But a 1992 cover version of Taveres' hit *It Only Takes A Minute* reached number seven in the charts. It was followed by the Barlow-penned *A Million Love Songs*, *I Found Heaven* and *Could It Be Magic*. Take That had arrived.

Over the next three years the band became an international sensation, shifting more than 25 million records and becoming the biggest selling UK act since the Beatles. But when

Williams rebelled against the group in 1995 and then left, Take That produced just one more album before splitting the following year. The news made national headlines and the Samaritans even set up a helpline for distraught fans.

For the next eight years, the former bandmates struggled to forge solo careers, with only Williams striking gold. But a self-produced documentary in 2004 was followed by a greatest hits album and, spurred on by overwhelming public interest, a 19-date reunion tour – without Williams.

The gigs sold out in just over an hour and the new album, *Beautiful World*, had sold 1.3million copies by the end of last year. Take That has made a triumphant comeback and this new show is a fantastic chance to experience the magic.

Tickets for *Never Forget* are priced from £26 and are available from the box office on 0870 060 6620.

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SANDI THOM

Friday, February 22
Astor Theatre Arts Centre, Deal

copies and resulted in a Brit Award nomination.

Since then, she has performed for tens of thousands of people around the world, including as support for George Michael.

Despite this success, her new album, *The Pink & The Lily*, was recorded in the basement of her flat.

The album takes its title from a Buckinghamshire pub named after the original owners – servants who fell in love and had a child out of wedlock. Their romantic story inspired Thom to name a song and the album for them.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 in advance or £12.50 on the door. Phone 01304 381134, or visit www.astortheatre.co.uk for more booking information.



SINGER Sandi Thom was a breakthrough artist in 2006 with her incredible voice and unusual story.

The 26-year-old Scottish musician made her name by broadcasting 21 concerts from her Tooting flat via the

internet. Her first single, *I Wish I Was A Punk Rocker*, was re-released on her new label RCA and went to number one in seven countries.

Her first album, recorded in freezing conditions in a Cheshire barn, sold 700,000

COLIN FRY

Tuesday, March 4
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

TELEVISION medium Colin Fry will be demonstrating his supernatural skills to a Shepway audience next month.

As a star of Zone Reality Channel's *Psychic Private Eyes*, alongside Tony Stockwell and TJ Higgs, Fry has won many fans, who will be keen to see him working live. He wowed audiences on his *Sixth Sense* programme, in which he claimed to receive spiritual messages for people in the studio.

"Spirits' wish is to contact their loved ones with two primary messages," he said.

"Firstly, to tell them they are OK and, secondly, that those grieving should accept their death and carry on with their lives."

Fry has been conducting private sittings and public demonstrations since he was aged just 17.

He is a trained bereave-



ment counsellor and head of the International College of Spiritual Science and Healing in Sweden.

Fry's last show at the Leas Cliff Hall was a sell-out suc-

cess, so book early to avoid disappointment. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £19.50. To book, call the box office on 0844 847 1776, or visit www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

ANDREW ROPER

Wednesday, February 6
Orange Street Music Venue, Canterbury

The compere for the evening will be Danny Buckler, a regular on the circuit who has performed across the country.

He has also toured in the successful production *Uri Gellar Stopped My Clock*. Recent TV appearances include Channel 4's *Is This Your Life* and the BBC's *Dinner Ladies*.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6/£5. For details of this and other shows, you can visit www.orangestreetmusic.com.



THE laughs will be coming thick and fast at tonight's (Wednesday) launch of the new Orange Street Comedy Club.

Professional comedians will be appearing every other Wednesday, alternating with The Orange Street Quiz, where local student comics will also be introduced.

Quiz prizes on offer will include a cash prize of £50, a bottle of champagne and free tickets to the following week's Comedy Club.

Launch night welcomes upfront Adam Crow, who has appeared on television and radio shows and performed for a wide range of audiences.

Confident and charming, Andrew Roper (pictured) has 10 years' experience on the comedy scene and his sharp-edged style has been a hit with audiences in Australia and New Zealand.

DOVER LEISURE

Century-old music will sound again in town

MUSIC written 100 years ago will be played again in Dover Town Hall on Monday (February 11).

HJ Taylor's music was created for the 1908 Dover Pageant and it will be performed again by Oliver Poole. Tickets are available from 4 Harold Street, Dover Visitor Centre, Biggin Street, and Pam & Ann Florists in Cherry Tree Avenue.

For more information, phone Mike McFarnell on 01304 201711, or go online at www.doverpageant.com.

Could you be the next village princess?

YOUNG ladies who dream of being a princess are invited to audition for the Aylesham Carnival Court.

The selection evening will take place on Friday, February 15, to choose six girls to represent the village. Anyone who is interested should contact Aylesham Carnival Association chairman Alan Watson for more information.

Phone 01304 840029, or email info@ayleshamcarnival.co.uk. Find out more about the association online at www.ayleshamcarnival.co.uk.

Jester will be holding court at The Archer

PUNK band Jester will be playing live at The Archer in Sandwich Road, Whitfield, on Saturday (February 9).

The five-piece was formed in 1996 and play a variety of cover versions by artists such as the Sex Pistols, The Undertones, The Buzzcocks, The Clash and many more.

Find out more about the band on the website www.jesterpunkuk.co.uk. For more details about the gig, phone The Archer on 01304 825890.

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RELIVE the New Wave glory days when a tribute band play the hits in Dover this weekend.

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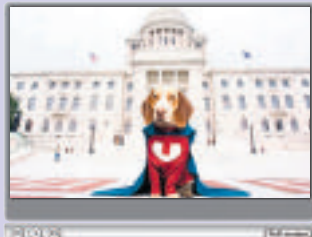
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Halle's set for greatest role

BY BEN FALK

SHE may be an Oscar-winner and an accomplished actress, but Halle Berry admits her latest role gave her challenges even she wasn't expecting.

As Audrey Burke in her new film, *Things We Lost In The Fire*, Berry plays a happily married mother-of-two whose life changes when her husband Brian (David Duchovny) dies. She then befriends his best friend Jerry (Benicio Del Toro), who is also struggling with his wildly-changing feelings.

Her performance is Oscar-worthy as she explores all the wide expanse of emotions that Audrey feels following her husband's death.

The part also opened up her heart to her own impending real-life role as a mother.

Halle, 41, who is expecting her first child around March with boyfriend Gabriel Aubry, admits that her maternal instincts emerged during the shooting of the film.

The award-winning actress, who has won honours for 2001's *Monster's Ball* and 1998's *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*, said: "I learnt that I need to be a mother through playing this role. I always thought that I did, I had that desire, but through playing this character I really knew 100 per cent that I'm meant to be a mother and that I have the ability to be a mother."

Working with the two on-screen children made Halle more aware that she had what it takes.

"I think I have a way with children and that I really had to understand these children in this movie in a new way that I never really expressed before," she said.

It was a role she wanted, but was initially concerned that she might be passed over as she admits one of her biggest fears is being

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discriminated against because of the colour of her skin.

"When I first read this script, I said to my manager, 'I just have to do this movie'. But I didn't think I was right for this part, just because it wasn't written black," she said.

"Audrey wasn't written as a black character, so I wasn't the first thought on anybody's mind. I hoped maybe they would be able to see outside the box. My biggest fear got put to rest when I realised the director Susanne Bier did not care one ounce about the colour of my skin."

"When you meet someone like her, who is void of those thoughts at all, it really is like a dream come true."

So while the half-British star is looking forward to the next stage in her personal life she insists work will always be a part of her life.

As well as acting Halle is moving into film and TV production.

"I'll never stop working and as long as I can



MUM'S THE WORD: Halle Berry feels ready to become a mother after her latest film cast her in such a role

work I will be working," she admitted.

"I've been off since I've made this movie and I'm going a bit batty, so I think I'll be back to work as soon as I possibly can get myself together."

But right now Halle's sights are set firmly on motherhood.

"That's my greatest and my next biggest challenge. And I think it will be the best accomplishment of my life. I'm really looking forward to it."



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BY PETER WOODMAN

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Given the almost endless sunshine we enjoyed on our trip, it's also a destination to rival anything the Continent has to offer.

Our first port of call was Bovey Castle on the edge of Dartmoor; a smart country house hotel in some of the most imposing grounds I have seen.

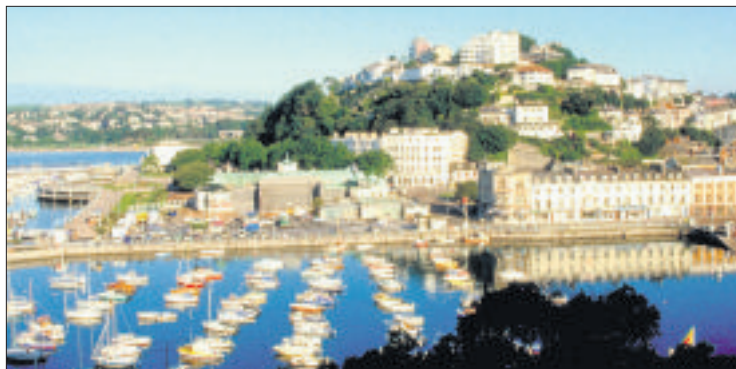
Built in 1907 by the second Viscount Hambleden, Bovey is on the east side of Dartmoor. Hambleden was heir to the WH Smith empire, and he certainly chose a great spot for his home. From our room we looked out on green, rolling hills. Beneath us guests were playing croquet on the lawn or watching a falconry display.

From Bovey we drove on to Dartmoor proper. No pretty villages here, but a bleak, bracing aspect of rock and uplands.

Exhilarated by the fresh air, we then motored south to the heart of the English Riviera – Torquay.

Some are cynical about this area giving itself the Riviera name. But it was so sparkingly sunny when we arrived, and Torbay looked so regal in the late-summer heat, that you could easily mistake the views for those seen in Cannes, Nice or Monte Carlo.

Things got even better when we got to our room in Torquay's Paramount Imperial Hotel. From our balcony we could see across the bay



SEASIDE VIEWS: Torquay, the English Riviera, in Devon, is part of a county that offers so much to visitors

towards Paignton and then south as far as Brixham.

Walking around the resort, it's clear Torquay's first lady is still Agatha Christie, even though the legendary writer died as far back as 1976.

Born in Torquay in 1890, Christie enjoyed a long association with the resort, setting some of her stories there as well as nursing in the town during World War One and spending her honeymoon there.

She remains in Torquay in the form of a memorial bust unveiled as part of the celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of her birth.

Close to the Imperial Hotel is a new attrac-

tion – Living Coasts. This is an aquatic centre focusing on the conservation of coastal and marine life around the world.

Various birds swoop and soar within the netted confines of the attraction – which some of the residents find a bit of an eyesore, but we enjoyed thoroughly.

Nearby Paignton Zoo is also worth a visit as is organic livestock farm Ocombe Farm.

Our final outing was to Kents Cavern in Torquay. These caves were homes during the Stone Age, but were only discovered in the 19th century.

It was a calm, mesmerising end to a wonderful break.

FACT FILE: DEVON

Beaches: Devon has more Blue Flag beaches than any other county in England.

Wildlife: Red deer roam on Exmoor; sharks have been known to bask in the sea, and buzzards soar in the skies.

Family: Fun parks, zoos and wildlife centres – there's even sheep racing.

History: From cathedrals and prehistoric stone circles, you can even visit the homes of Sir Francis Drake and Agatha Christie.

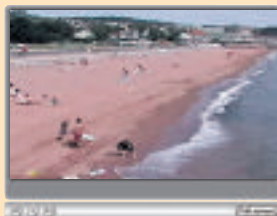
Holiday details

Peter Woodman stayed at Bovey Castle at North Bovey, Devon, which offers classic double rooms from £225 per night, including breakfast and VAT. Reduced rate weekend break deals may be available.

Reservations: 01647 445016 and www.boveycastle.com.

The winter offer currently available at The Paramount Imperial Hotel, Torquay, includes inland-facing double room from £219 for two nights, including dinner, B&B for two people, subject to availability. Upgrade to a premium room costs £40 per room per night.

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Record-breaking console game is a call to duty

FIRST-person-shooter computer game Call of Duty 4 topped sales figures last year, making it 2007's biggest seller.

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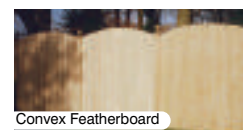
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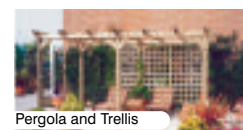


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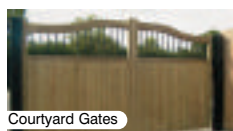


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BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOUR self-esteem soars when you show off the depth and breadth of your knowledge. People are impressed by your ability to think rationally in emotional situations. Trust your intuition with regard to a benefactor by appealing to their experience and sound business sense.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU could be thrust into the spotlight. Although you hate public attention, it will be gratifying to get recognition for your talent. A friend may ask you to join them on a journey, it could mean making travel plans or it might be an intellectual, philosophical or spiritual trip.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

SOMEONE could make their way into your life, taking it on an exciting new course. Keep your eyes open for someone who has a background in the media. If you're single, you could find the love of your life in a surprise setting. Don't be afraid to experiment with new options.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

MOVING to another location is a real possibility for you and it will work to your long-term benefit. Someone could be flirting outrageously with you. A passionate fling could follow. Enjoy it while it lasts. There will be plenty of time to settle down and get serious.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

HIDDEN motives are coming to the surface and irrational impulses make perfect sense. Once you understand what's causing you to act in a certain way you can work on ways to combat any psychological triggers. The new insights coming your way could change your life.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

A QUEST for wisdom and truth could prompt you to break away from your old routine. Venturing off the beaten path could put you in the way of romance. You're especially drawn to an unpredictable rebel with a scientific bent. Together you generate lots of sparks.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

TAKING more exercise and eating wisely can make a dramatic difference to your daily life. Opportunities related to medicine, science, and air travel are favoured. A romantic interlude with your amour could prove blissful. Go away on a mini-break to your special place.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

AN unexpected opportunity to study, teach, or write comes your way. Welcome news regarding a family or neighbourhood matter could reach your ears. It's nice to know your hard work has paid off. A beautiful family heirloom could be entrusted to you.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

KEEPING your head down and getting on with business isn't an option. If you don't speak up, you could lose control and find yourself at the beck and call of others. Later this week you may have to speak in public or make a family announcement that could mean a change of plans.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOUR sensual side cries out for satisfaction. Fortunately, some extra money could come your way in the form of a bonus, settlement, tax refund or even a little lottery win. The bonds of a close partnership could be made even stronger by going on a long trip together.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

A CHILD, romance, or creative project could appear on the horizon bringing a welcome turn of events. Lately, you've been cooped up at home, and the pressure is starting to show. A changing of the old guard at work could result in new opportunities for you.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

A CHANGE to boost your bank balance comes just as the bills are due. You could achieve terrific financial success in anything related to computers, utilities, or electronics. Finding backers won't be a problem. Your powers of persuasion have never been stronger.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Retrieves material from waterway (5,4)
9 Salesman the Spanish reject (5)
10 Bird, in having deficient supply of oxygen, is neutralising poison (9)
11 We object to vice first in the hollow! (5)
12 Being the speech of today (6,8)
15 Be mother at table (4)
17 B-boyo, revolting lout (5)
19 Some were excited getting to the boundary (4)
21 From which to pay one's electricity bill? (7,7)
23 Sarah is consuming fibre! (5)
24 Breaking some bread with fish (9)
26 Order one foreign coin (5)
27 Train it to remove abrasion (9)

DOWN

- 1 New limes mixed into cake (6)
2 One putting his faith in a particular doctrine (8)
3 Lawyer's power? (8)
4 Indelicately entered shop (4)
5 Before the wise man will give an indication of the future (7)
6 South European bridge, one taking a road (8)
7 Applied first aid to drunk? (9)
13 One alongside in American city or African country (5)
14 Out of this world clothing? (9)
16 Finished getting up rebellion (8)
18 At one time had greater quantity again (4,4)
19 Parity for almost everyone in the union (8)
20 Fastening mechanism underneath 19 across of poisonous plant (7)
22 Shorten, without aspiration, another muscle (6)
25 About to turn in with mechanical repetition (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Reaching (9)
9 Cuttlefish ink (5)
10 Towards middle of boat (9)
11 Dense (5)
12 Means of warming building (7,7)
15 Gumbo (4)
17 Hag (5)
19 Sign (4)
21 Black box (6-8)
23 River mouth (5)
24 Blooming (9)
26 Thorn (anag.) (5)
27 Notability (9)

DOWN

- 1 Molecular (6)
2 Italian island (8)
3 Naked (2,3,3)
4 Cut with scissors (4)
5 Smoker's receptacle (7)
6 Hopefulness (8)
7 Wrapping (9)
13 1.76 pints (5)
14 Bold (9)
16 Banter (8)
18 Deceive (8)
19 Stubborn (8)
20 Enclose in a protective covering (7)
22 Cease to flow (3,3)
25 Den (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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HARD

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CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No21

ACROSS: 1 Spirited 6 Chrome 9 Closer
10 Sanctity 11 Reverse order 13 Bison
14 Certainly 17 Adoration 19 Spent
21 Seismologist 24 Grievous 25 See red
26 Twilight 27 Meantime. DOWN: 2 Pile
3 Reservoir 4 Thrive 5 Deserve 6 Concerto
7 Rotor 8 Motherland 12 Middlebrow
15 Impatient 16 Stood out 18 Opossum
20 Sista 22 Spell 23 Perm.

QUICK SOLUTIONS No22

ACROSS: 8 Attaining 9 Sepia 10 Amidships
11 Thick 12 Central heating 15 Okra 17 Witch
19 Omen 21 Flight-recorder 23 Delta 24
Flowering 26 North 27 Dignitary. DOWN: 1
Atomic 2 Sardinia 3 In the raw 4 Snip 5
Ashtray 6 Optimism 7 Packaging 13 Litre 14
Confident 16 Rallery 18 Hoodwink 19
Obdurate 20 Sheathe 22 Run dry 25 Lair.

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SUNDAY: SIX NATIONS RUGBY (2.50pm): England face Italy at Twickenham in the RBS Six Nations.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: DAVIS CUP 2008 (2pm): With no Andy Murray, Tim Henman or Greg Rusedski, can Great Britain put up a decent fight against Argentina in Buenos Aires?
SUNDAY: SKI SUNDAY (7.15pm): Given the mild winters we've had recently, this may be our only opportunity of seeing deep snow this year as we catch up on the latest action on the slopes.

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SATURDAY: VAN HELSING (10.30pm): Special effects-laden fantasy adventure as Van Helsing sets out to slay Dracula, the Wolfman and Frankenstein's monster.
SUNDAY: WILD AT HEART (7.45pm): Amanda Holden and Steve Tompkinson star in warm Sunday evening drama set in the wilds of Africa.

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SATURDAY: JAMIE AT HOME (5.15pm): Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver plunders the garden of his Essex home to cook up a seasonal treat.
SUNDAY: STRANDED IN THE SNOW (4.45pm): True story of a family who survived in the wilderness for nine days in sub-zero temperatures and without any food.

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SATURDAY: PAINT YOUR WAGON (1.35pm): Classic musical western starring Lee Marvin and Clint Eastwood in a tale of the adventures of two 19th century gold prospectors.
SUNDAY: SHORT CIRCUIT (4.10pm): Ally Sheedy and Steve Guttenberg star, but are upstaged by military robot Number Five who comes alive and has no intention of being recaptured by his makers.

New project is just Ding Dong, says comic Carr

BY GEMMA QUADE

"YOU'RE the first person I've spoken to today so I sound all butch – you are the lucky one," said camp comedian Alan Carr as we begin our early morning interview. "It's a once in a lifetime experience that."

It's a second day of interviews for The Friday Night Project co-host, but he's not complaining because at least he's got all of his photo shoots out of the way – his least favourite thing to do at the moment.

"I've just come back from Morocco, and you know what it's like when you've eaten and drunk loads on holiday. My tan looks good; it's just my belly and man boobs!"

It's this tongue-in-cheek, self-mocking humour that has made Alan a huge hit with TV and stand-up audiences alike, and has led Channel Four to hand him his own game show, Alan Carr's Celebrity Ding Dong – which began its run on Friday.

While he says he's over the moon about the show, 31-year-old Alan does admit that it's a bit daunting not having his usual co-presenter and pal Justin Lee Collins standing beside him for moral support.

"On The Friday Night Project if one of us is having a bad day or is hungover the other one can just take over and roll with it. When you're on your own there's no one to pick up the pieces when there's an awkward silence," he said.

Alan is the son of former football player and manager Graham Carr, who had hopes his boy would follow in his footsteps to become a sports star. Instead he opted for comedy.

Alan's new programme pits five celebrities



LAUGH-A-MINUTE: Alan Carr says it's a bit daunting not having his pal Justin Lee Collins at his side for his new show

against five 'civilians' to win a slice of the star lifestyle. Does Alan reckon there's much difference between ordinary folk and those in the spotlight?

"I think people are scum! Why can't they be on telly like me, what's wrong with them? If they got out of bed every once in a while and stopped watching Jeremy Kyle they might be a star too," he said. "This is going to come across really well, isn't it?"

Of course, Alan is only joking. It wasn't so long ago that he himself was a civilian, before finding fame through The Friday Night Project.

Life has changed beyond all recognition for him he confesses, as he recounts a story about how he and Justin presented Kylie Minogue with her 'icon' gong at last year's Q Awards, a massive thrill for them, only to have Paul McCartney give them a thumbs-up backstage.

So do all his new celeb mates have the diva tendencies we hear so much about in the papers?

"I definitely have," he joked. "I don't know whether they do actually. I'll just ask my butler!"

"It's hard for me as a stand-up comic – I can't start living that life or be seen as having that life, because when you go on stage audiences are going to start booing. Nobody wants to hear that my electric gates didn't open and then Clara the maid tripped over."

"But when I was on tour I went to Lowestoft and the dressing room was immaculate – it was all newly painted and there were flowers."

"I said, 'Oh, you shouldn't have done that!' They said, 'Oh no, it's not for you, last week it got trashed by an Abba tribute band,'" he laughed. "It was Agnetha throwing the telly out the window!"

While fame may not have brought Alan all the trappings that A-listers demand, it has made him a lot more popular in his romantic life. However, he explains, it seems to be the wrong sex that ask him out on dates – the female sex.

"I always get women, only women," he said. "And they're always going through the change. I had a naked photo of a woman sent to my agent saying, 'Look what you've done to me.' It's not exactly what I wanted; it's sort of backfired. I think they see me as a challenge."

"A very big challenge!"



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PROPERTY NEWS

More people are renting their home

RENTING has become a more attractive option than buying a house for anyone not on the property ladder.

The average costs of a mortgage as opposed to income are higher now than they were in the 1990s when the last housing boom peaked, according to the UK Housing Review.

But the cost of renting has largely kept pace with earnings.

Steve Wilcox, author of the review, said: "Private renting has become more competitive as an option for households compared to the cost of buying."

"The sector has grown by 21 per cent in the last five years across the UK and is fulfilling a significant role in the housing market."

"With the rates of population and household growth outstripping current and planned new house building, we are likely to see continuing growth of the private rented sector."

The findings were backed by Adrian Coles, director general of the Building Societies Association, who added: "With first-time buyers finding it difficult to get on the housing ladder the private rented sector is providing accommodation to increasing numbers of people."

Church is on list at property auction

CLIVE Emson Land and Property Auctioneers are putting a variety of homes and business premises under the hammer later this month.

The auction will take place at the Ramada Hotel and Resort in Hollingbourne on February 15 at 11am.

Among the more unusual properties on offer are a former church in Faversham, a social club in Chatham and the romantically named Cemetery Lodge in Love Lane – another Faversham address.

Eight self-contained flats are also going under the hammer, so any potential landlords willing to fork out in excess of £1 million could find themselves sitting on a goldmine.

Five flats are also on offer in West Street, Sheerness, while the catalogue is also full of grazing, equestrian and leisure plots, including a third of an acre village site with planning permission for one detached dwelling in Bethersden.

One of the most interesting properties is a Grade-II Listed farmhouse called Sacketts Hill, near Broadstairs, which is a fabulous property.



Open-plan not always an attractive solution

■ BY NICK AMES

INCREASING numbers of people are knocking down internal walls to enjoy open-plan living, according to a new study.

The research by Halifax Home Insurance discovered that 2.9 million rooms have disappeared over the past five years.

This year a further 2.1 million homes will be set upon with sledge hammers – losing at least one room in each property.

The most frequent victim is the formal dining room which has become a largely unused space for many Britons.

If this recent trend continues the traditional dining room could be 'extinct' by as early as 2020.

But it's not just dining room walls set to topple. About 190,000 walls will be lost to

create larger living rooms and around 170,000 utility rooms will become incorporated into kitchen areas.

Also 125,000 studies will be combined with adjoining rooms to create more spacious bedrooms, lounges and bathrooms.

The survey looked at how living spaces have changed in recent years.

But Halifax Home Insurance is concerned after finding that one-in-four of those planning to knock down a wall in the next 12 months intend to carry out the work themselves, rather than employ a professional.

The company warns that any damage caused by homeowners is unlikely to be covered by their home insurance policy.

A spokesman said: "Using a professional

tradesman greatly reduces the risk of any damage occurring in the first place and a reputable builder should have the necessary public liability insurance in place should any damage to property occur while the work is undertaken."

"We also urges homeowners to notify their insurer prior to undertaking any building work, especially after research found that only half of homeowners that have removed an internal wall in the past five years notified their provider. This is a standard requirement across the insurance industry, as internal changes can often affect the level of risk associated with the property and could consequently invalidate a policy."

"It's also important to seek advice from the local authority as you may need to get building control approval."

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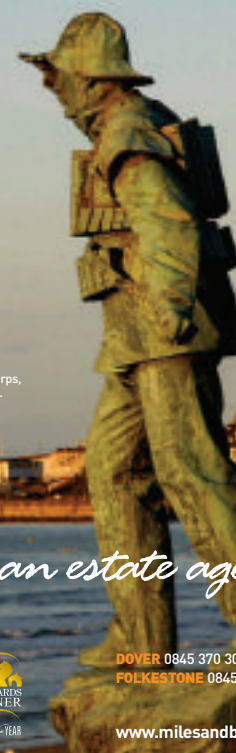


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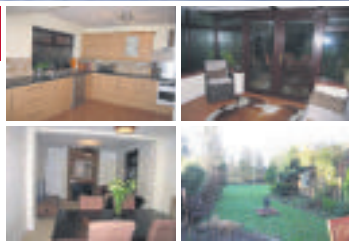
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African lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413126

TRY NEW THINGS

Mum of 1, I'm 5ft 4, blonde, slim, young looking, 34yrs old, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep-fit, cinema, trips, days out. Box 431559

LESSONS IN LOVE

Loving, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLM caring, honest, caring, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460

R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft 8, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

HAPPY TIMES

35yr old woman, looking to share happy moments with a loving, caring guy, around 30-40. Does that sound like you? Box 433580

ROMANCE IS ALIVE

Divorced, lively woman, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

TRUST MATTERS

Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 501771

TRAVEL HAPPY

Medway female, 38, 5ft 8, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434377

MUST HAVE GSOH & BE ABLE TO COOK!

Down-to-earth, kind and caring, separated, strong-willed Scottish mum, 39, looking for fun, tactile, cute and considerate male who likes noise and chaos. Box 887191

GET IT TOGETHER

Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 896964

NICE SMILE???

Single 38yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man, reliable male 27-38 with a GSOH, for friendship possible LTR. Box 436353

NEW TO THE AREA

Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate. Box 433539

DON'T PASS ME BY

Cute, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

NICE PERSONALITY

Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all good things, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435615

WANTS HER RICHARD GERE

Hi I'm 37, 5ft 8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, parties, walks, bird watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE

Professional Asian lady, 30s very well-emitted, fun-loving and GSOH, WLM solvent, professional male with no ties for relationship. Box 435922

JOIN ME BABY

Fun-loving, vivacious woman, early 40s, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, looking for a confident man with GSOH, N/S for friendship & maybe more. Box 896889

I KNEW YOU WERE WAITING

Loving, caring single female, 42, loves swimming, walking, nights in at home. Would love to meet someone special to share life's ups and downs with. Box 887101

STRIKE ME!

42, 5ft 7, slim, down-to-earth, normally love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-50 for friendship and more. Box 436163

HAPPY NATURE

42yr old outgoing female, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoys cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male for nice times. Box 435451

TAKE A CHANCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

FOOTBALL FANATIC

Debut-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft 10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

MEN ONLY, NO MICE!

I'm 38, 43, 5ft 1, blue eyes brown hair, single mum, love going out, reading, cycling, music, enjoy male company and nights in. 27-49yr old, for companionship. Box 436076

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, 5'11", N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

BE HERE NOW

Meliss, 44, looking for an understanding, sensitive man. I enjoy music and being adventurous. Box 431513

A FINE ROMANCE

Pleasant female, 43, medium/farge build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wine, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, serene woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, 5'2", N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, WLM fit, swimming, travel, WLM N/S man to share things with. Box 429692

THE WIT TO WOO!

Kind female, 38 years old, 5ft 2, likes going out, seeking a sociable male, who likes having a laugh. Gillingham. Box 429652

ON MANDY

Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLM honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639

THE SINGLE WOMAN OF US

38yr old friend of mine, long hair, love music, concerts, bits, in need of attention, love and respect. Box 897114

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE

45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435464

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN

Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLM a special, good would like to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511

NICE AND LOVING

44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413448

BE ORIGINAL

Seriously, honesty and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 895952

DON'T PASS ME BY

Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, home/career, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

EASYSOUND NATURE

44yr old woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5ft 3, seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5ft10 or above. Box 897413

AM I THE 1?

48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, days/nights out, wants to share life with good times & fun. Box 901027

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 435922

READY TO START AGAIN

Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLM compatible male, single lady, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, loves swimming, walking, nights in at home. Box 435441

SHES THE ONE!

Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 262, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435922

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD

Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, going out, nights in, WLM fun-loving, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909972

FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?

Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 435885

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Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

LAST CHANCE

Lovely understanding female, 51, large build, WLM genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 389271

ARE WE SOULMATES?

50yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768

STARTING OVER

Divorced lady, youthful 56, N/S, 5'3", brown eyes, brown hair, medium build, GSOH, I like eating out, cinema, driving, music, holidays, seeking friendship, see what develops. Box 897592

LADY IN WAITING

Caring, loyal and young-at-heart lady, 65, 5ft 8, blonde hair, looking for someone nice, friendly, who likes eating out, restaurants, holidays, for company. Box 899242

BOWL ME OVER

Attractive, bubbly lady, 60s, enjoys good food/wine, bowls, countryside, bowls, enjoys eating out, tennis/bowling, cinema, clubbing, seeking a female for friendship, good times and long term relationship. Box 427898

Women seeking women

SNAP ME UP

Attractive, feminine female, 37, petite, professional, thoughtful, witty, enjoys socialising, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship/relationship. Rochester. Box 411186

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE

Divorced female, 50s, 5ft 4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901

LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE

Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pub/clubs, quiet nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man. Box 433508

A CHUCKLE & A CHORTLE

56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLM N/S man, 56-60s, to make her laugh again. Medway/Maidstone. Box 412127

THE CAT THAT GETS THE CREAM

Hi I'm Jackie, 58, 5ft 8, blue eyes, fun-loving, down-to-earth and considerate, love music, seeking male 58-65 who loves music and animals to be my soul-mate! Box 436328

STARTING OVER

Active, attractive widow, 60, GSOH, fun-loving, enjoys countryside, animals, theatre & lots more, WLM similar happy chat to share happy times with! Box 896888

PLANT THE SEEDS

Classy, intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active, enjoys travel, walking, holidays, sport, gardening, WLM sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138

WARM ME AT NIGHT

I'm 51, 5ft 2, slim, blue eyes, very active, very bubbly, very lonely at nights so looking for that gentleman for companionship and friendship. Box 436389

BARREL OF LAUGHS

I'm Jay, 30, from Ashford, happy-go-lucky, work hard, have a 2yr old daughter, seeking similar fun-loving lady for going out and getting to know you. Box 435413

MARGE MATE

Single male, 32, easygoing, 6ft 2, dark hair/blue eyes. Looking for female, 22-34, who likes to have fun, for friendship, possibly relationship. Box 431481

THE LOOK OF LOVE

Warm-hearted, fun-loving male, 31, 6'2", dark hair, blue eyes, likes pubs, cooking, meals out, WLM caring, honest male, 22-32, for friendship and possible relationship. Margate. Box 410202

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

Attractive guy, 34, 5ft 10, slim, brown hair/blue eyes, I work hard and I'm looking for a nice lady to spend time with. Rochester. Box 427558

THE GOOD LIFE

34yr old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'7", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061

BUILT TO LAST

Affectionate, caring male, 34, 6'1", tall, dark eyes, likes going out, pubs, clubs, seeks fun female for life, love and romance. Box 378948

FIRST-TIMER, BE GENTLE!

Attractive male, 37, medium build, enjoys countryside, travelling, children, going to the gym, WLM caring, 25-35, slim/medium build with similar interests for fun, friendship/serious relationship. Box 435721

NO MATTER WHAT

36yr old male, 36, 6ft 5, medium/muscular build, shoulder length dark hair, brown eyes, hobbies include weight training, keeping fit, have daughter, seeking midrange lady. Box 431236

SEAL MAN

38yr old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLM like-minded, genuine female. Box 430401

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435

INTERESTED?

Spirited guy, 6, dark hair, brown eyes, enjoy football, WLM broad-minded person. Box 415892

R U A ME?

Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enfield. Box 436381

STRIKE OR SPARE?

Attractive, bubbly lady, 60s, enjoys good food/wine, bowls, countryside, bowls, enjoys eating out, tennis/bowling, cinema, clubbing, seeking a female for friendship, good times and long term relationship. Box 427898

MISS THIS MISS OUT

Single man, 38, 5'8", medium build, grey/blue eyes, not much hair but lots of life! Friendly and approachable a good listener, very loyal and an outgoing personality. Box 897764

SNAP ME UP

Attractive, feminine female, 37, petite, professional, thoughtful, witty, enjoys socialising, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship/relationship. Rochester. Box 411186

PASSIONATE SCORPIO

Cuddly, fun-loving female, 45, blue eyes, very feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving and caring. Box 433152

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Capricorn female, 48, 5ft 7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLM someone in Maidstone area. Box 434547

DANCING IN THE STREET

Scottish, 32yr old single woman, 52 year old brunette, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded buxom female, for fun and more. Box 435191

COOL, CALM & COLLECTED

Romantic, 39, enjoys finer things in life, seeking genuine female, to enhance my world and enjoy life with. Box 409044

NOT TO BE MISSED

40yr old, male, good health, good job, good friends and family, work hard, like to play when I can, down-to-earth. Box 913490

CARE TO LOOK AFTER ME?

41yr old male in Gillingham with no ties, looking for a sincere female to spend quality time with possible LTR. Box 904188

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Single male, 32, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, lead-hander or have 1 dog, I like walks, and meals out. Box 427761

MOTORS NEWS



Baileys playing host to Nissan's adventure day

MOTORISTS attending Baileys Nissan's Test Drive in Canterbury this weekend have the chance to win one of 1,000 sports adventure themed DVD sets or one of four similarly-themed holidays.

The event highlight the Nissan Sports Adventure campaign and the brand's clout in the 4x4 sector with winners like the X-Trail compact SUV, the rugged Patrol flagship and 4x4 versions of the best-selling Qashqai family model.

Baileys is highlighting special deals and editions on some, such as the Pathfinder Mammoth from just £27,995, with DVD sat nav and Bose audio. For more information call 01227 766777.



Case of déjà vue with Hyundai's i10 city babe

IF Hyundai's new city car seems familiar then you have also been eyeing up the Kia Picanto.

And it is a neat transformation wearing the badge i10.

Arriving on March 1 with Hyundai's standard five-year/unlimited miles warranty, the i10 comes with air con as standard priced from £6,500.

Kit includes electric windows, central locking, power steering and six-speaker CD/MP3 stereo. The 65bhp 1.1-litre petrol engine averages around 60mpg.



Vauxhall/Suzuki sisters will make a big splash

VAUXHALL and Suzuki should shake the city car market this spring with a jointly produced model as modern as Fiat's new 500 is retro.

Of the two, Suzuki's Splash will make the most impact thanks to its name and as the latest model to revitalise the Japanese brand. But Vauxhall's market position means its Agila replacement should sell more. Both benefit from CO2 figures of just 120g/km, qualifying for the £35/year vehicle excise duty Band B.



CHANGE OF TACT: Honda's third generation CR-V is like a high-riding estate cum MPV which impresses on the road with high comfort levels for both driver and passenger alike

CR-V argues case for being a different 4x4

IN case you didn't know it, 'not all 4x4s are the same'.

That's Honda's mantra to promote the latest CR-V 4x4, as the anti-4x4 debate heats up in step with the planet.

The Japanese marque has a point. '4x4' covers anything from the tiny Fiat Panda 4x4 to grey import monsters from the USA, delivering extremes in fuel consumption, 'footprint on the road' and potential threat to other road users.

By persecuting 'gas-guzzling 4x4s', protesters may damn cleaner, smaller and less threatening cousins such as the new CR-V. However, Honda cannot be too righteous; the Mk 1 CR-V was one of the original compact off-roader lookalikes, complete with tailgate mounted spare wheel, and it never offered diesel economy. Its successor was even chunkier and still took time to acquire a diesel.

But Honda saw the writing on the wall; its third generation CR-V is so much like a high-riding estate cum MPV that you might question who it is designed to please.

There is no doubting quality though and the ergonomics are excellent, with Honda favouring

ROAD TEST

HONDA CR-V

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

a gearshift closer to the dashboard where the left hand naturally drops to it from the wheel.

Fittings are upmarket and comfort levels excellent, with good lateral support on the front seats, plus adjustable armrests.

Rear passengers are well catered for, though the rear of the centre console stowage bin robs legroom from the middle seat.

Split/folding 60/40 rear seats can also be adjusted fore and aft though ultimate boot space is hampered by roof lining encroachment at the sides.

On the road, the car picks up from and betters its predecessors; the 2.2 diesel plus six-speed gearbox tested in best-selling mid-range ES trim impressed with performance, refinement and economy – a 40mpg average is possible.

Grip is beyond reproach, though this is another compact 4x4 that runs mostly in front-wheel drive, switching power rearwards as required.

The CR-V also corners without the lurching that troubles so many 4x4s, yet ride quality has not been compromised to deliver this driver and passenger-pleasing trait.

No, not all 4x4s are the same.



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01 (V) HONDA ACCORD TYPE - V 2.3 HATCHBACK, 5 drs, met black, 1 owner, 47000 miles, service history, MOT, Air con, PAS, EW, EM, Air con, Cruise control, Air bags, CD, alloys **NOW £4995**



00 (X) TOYOTA AVENTIS 1.8 GS W/15 door hatch, metallic blue, low mileage, service history, MOT, PAS, sat nav, remote locking, alarm, Air bags, hi-fi, only 1 former keeper **NOW £3395**



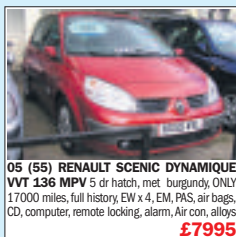
03 (03) FORD FIESTA 1.4 LX semi-auto 3 door hatch, met silver, full service history, only 16,000 miles, long MOT, EW, PAS, central locking, alarm, hi-fi, only 1 former keeper **NOW £4995**



02 (02) PEUGEOT 106 INDEPENDENCE 3 dr hatch, burnt orange, only 47000 mls, M/D service history, long MOT, PAS, factory fitted sun roof, alarm, Air bags, hi-fi **NOW £3295**



02 (02) PEUGEOT 406 RAPIER 2.0 SALOON, met silver, only 50000 miles, full service history, Air con, Air bags, alarm immobilizer, CD, alloy wheels, 1 former keeper **NOW £3995**



05 (55) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE V17 136 HPV 5 dr hatch, met burgundy, ONLY 17000 miles, full history, EW x 4, EM, PAS, air bags, CD, computer, remote locking, alarm, Air con, alloys **£7995**



99 (V) FORD FOCUS 1.8 LX TURBO DIESEL, 5 door saloon, met thorn green, 1 owner, service history, recent MOT, Air con, PAS, EW, EM, Air bags, remote central locking/alarm **NOW £3495**



3 (P/P) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE DCI 120, Turbo Diesel, 5 door hatchback, beige coachwork with contrasting biscuit half leather sports trim **£5495**



94 (M) BMW 325 TURBO DIESEL 4dr, stunning citrus yellow, grey velour trim, long MOT, PAS, EW, EM, Air bags, RCL/alarm, CD hi-fi, lowered, clear lights, etc. **ONLY £2295**



99 (T) PEUGEOT 306 1.8 LX automatic, 5 door hatch, met green, PAS, EW, EM, Air con, Air bags, remote locking alarm immobilizer, CD, long MOT, service history, only 2 former keepers **NOW £2395**



95 (N) TOYOTA GRANVIA 3.0, Turbo Diesel, automatic, dark metallic blue, full privacy glass, very low mileage, PAS, Air con, Air bags, EW, EM, electric sun roof x 2, 8 seater **NOW £4995**

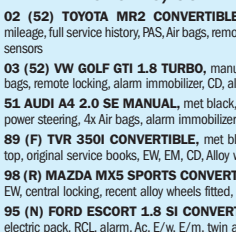


00 (W) SAAB 9-5 2.0 CONVERTIBLE, diamond black, grey leather, full service history, electric pack, remote locking, alarm, Air con, air bags, alloy wheels, hi-fi **ONLY £5695**

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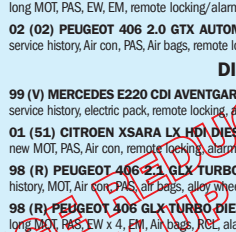
00 (V) RENAULT KANGOO LX 1.8 DIESEL VAN WITH ADDITIONAL FOLD UP SEATS X 2, white ONLY 99000 miles, service history, recent service with belt change **£2595 NO VAT**



02 (52) TOYOTA MR2 CONVERTIBLE ROADSTER VVTi, manual, met blue, low mileage, full service history, PAS, Air bags, remote locking, alarm immobilizer, CD, alloys, reversing sensors **NOW £8595**



03 (52) VW GOLF GTI 1.8 TURBO, manual, met blue, low mileage, service history, PAS, Air bags, remote locking, alarm immobilizer, CD, alloys, ABS, only 1 former keeper **NOW £7495**



51 AUDI A4 2.0 SE MANUAL, met black, low mileage, new MOT, electric windows, mirrors, power steering, 4x Air bags, alarm immobilizer, Traction control, CD **NOW £6395**



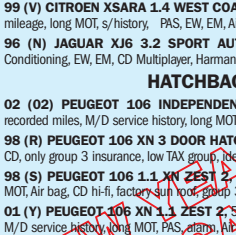
89 (F) TVR 350i CONVERTIBLE, met blue, cream leather sports trim, black mohair soft top, original service books, EW, EM, CD, Alloy wheels, only 3 former keepers **NOW £5495**



98 (R) MAZDA MX5 SPORTS CONVERTIBLE, racing red, long MOT, Air conditioning, PAS, EW, central locking, recent alloy wheels fitted, alarm immobilizer, CD **NOW £3995**



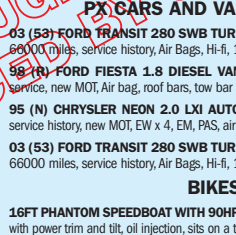
99 (V) CITROEN XSARA 1.4 WEST COAST 5 door sports hatch, stunning met yellow, low mileage, long MOT, s/history, PAS, EW, EM, Air bags **BARGAIN AT £2395 NOW £1695**



96 (N) JAGUAR XJ6 3.2 SPORT AUTO, metallic sky blue, cream leather trim, Air Conditioning, EW, EM, CD Multiplayer, Harman Kardon hi-fi pack, alloys **ONLY £3495**



02 (02) PEUGEOT 106 INDEPENDENCE 3 door hatch, burnt orange, only 47000 recorded miles, M/D service history, long MOT, alarm, Air bags, 1 former keeper **NOW £3495**



98 (R) PEUGEOT 106 XN 3 DOOR HATCH, met green, service history, long MOT, Air bag, CD, only 3 insurance, low TAX group, ideal first car **NOW £1495**



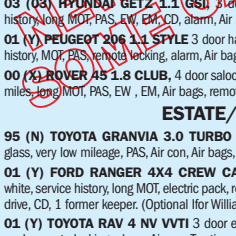
01 (V) PEUGEOT 106 XN 1.1 ZEST 2, 3 door hatch, moonstone blue, only 62000 miles, M/D service history, long MOT, PAS, alarm, Air bags, CD, 1 former keeper **NOW £2995**



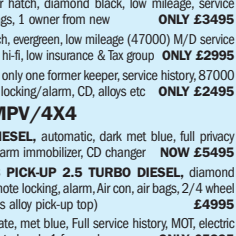
03 (03) HYUNDAI GETZ 1.1 (GSi) 3 door hatch, diamond black, low mileage, service history, long MOT, PAS, EW, EM, CD, alarm, Air bags, 1 owner from new **ONLY £3495**



01 (V) PEUGEOT 206 1.1 STYLE 3 door hatch, evergreen, low mileage (47000) M/D service history, MOT, PAS, remote locking, alarm, Air bags, hi-fi, low insurance & Tax group **ONLY £2995**



00 (V) ROVER 45 1.8 CLUB, 4 door saloon, only one former keeper, service history, 87000 miles, long MOT, PAS, EW, EM, Air bags, remote locking/alarm, CD, alloys etc **ONLY £2495**



95 (N) TOYOTA GRANVIA 3.0 TURBO DIESEL, automatic, dark met blue, full privacy glass, very low mileage, PAS, Air con, Air bags, alarm immobilizer, CD changer **NOW £5495**



01 (Y) FORD RANGER 4X4 CREW CAB PICK-UP 2.5 TURBO DIESEL, diamond white, service history, long MOT, electric pack, remote locking, alarm, Air con, air bags, 2/4 wheel drive, CD, 1 former keeper **£4995**



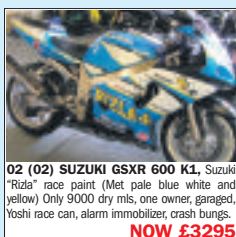
01 (Y) TOYOTA RAV 4 NV VVTi 3 door estate, met blue, Full service history, MOT, electric pack, remote locking, alarm, Air con, Traction control, only 1 former keeper **ONLY £5395**



98 (R) RANGE ROVER 4.0 SE, 5 dr, met black, black leather trim, low mileage, FSH, new MOT, RCL, alarm, A/c, Ew x 4, Em, twin air bags, Traction control, 4x4, alloys, hi-fi, tow bar **ONLY £7995 NOW £6995**



01 (X) VW BEETLE 1.6, 3 door hatchback, metallic cherry, black fleck trim, traction control, RCL, alarm, Air con, E/W, E/M, twin air bags, hi-fi, full service history, low mileage, grp 7 ins **ONLY £5495**



02 (02) SUZUKI GSXR 600 K1, Suzuki "Rizla" race paint (Met pale blue white and yellow) Only 9000 dry mls, one owner, garaged, Yoshi race can, alarm immobilizer, crash bungs **NOW £3295**



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99 (T) SUZUKI GSXR 600 SRAD Met blue and white, Only 19000 dry mls, 2 owners, garaged, service history, data tag, comes with carbon and std end can **ONLY £2495**



03 (03) SUZUKI DLV 1000 K2 STORM, only 8000 dry miles, garaged stored, service history, bright yellow, fuel injection, alarm immobilizer, new MOT, TAX until April 08 **ONLY £3995**



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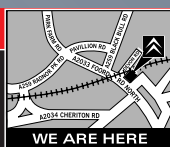
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

VOLVO S40



OUR smallest contender here, and Volvo's best-ever junior model by far, the S40 shows all the benefits of belonging to the Ford empire while retaining its own Swedish style. It is built on a modified front-driven Ford Focus chassis – nothing wrong there as it's one of the best for keen drivers – while the styling is pure Volvo, complete with scalloped rear wings and taillights. Inside, is classic Volvo too: neat and well-arranged, plus an innovative 'flying' centre console.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

JAGUAR X-TYPE



IT has been a slow burn for X-Type sales, as highlighted by faltering residuals in the early days. Jag snobs didn't like the fact that it was derived from the front-wheel drive Mondeo, although Ford-owned Jaguar tried to deflect this by offering the car in all-wheel drive only at first. But the 'X' drives well in all forms and the addition of smooth diesels and a lovely estate version have redeemed it in the eyes of the market.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA ACCORD



IS it a prestige badge or not? Even Honda is unclear about that. There is no doubting Honda quality, but everyday models like the Jazz supermini – though a marvellous car – harm Honda's argument that the Accord deserves mention alongside the BMW 3-Series. Nevertheless, the Honda is beautifully made, offers a sporting drive and is probably the car least likely to fail en route to a top-level meeting. The diesel's quiet and refined too and the estate is capacious.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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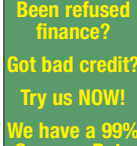
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The Adolescent Resource Centre concept is well established in other areas of Kent. The Folkestone 'ARC 25' builds on the existing models of innovative multi-agency alternative curriculum projects for disengaged and disaffected KS4 young people, providing broad professional support from a range of agencies and an exciting working environment.

Committed to high quality and genuinely imaginative education, focused on the needs of young people, ARC 25 in Folkestone is looking for committed education staff to join a team working from other agencies, including Social Services, Youth & Community, Connexions, Youth Offending Service and Health.

This post covers work with the client group both in centre and when needed being lead tutor on the Three Men in a Boat project which is a peripatetic learning provision working with young people with extreme and complex needs.

You will need to provide evidence of commitment to the welfare of, and effective working with, vulnerable, disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to multi-agency team working and curriculum innovation.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau. Ref: CFE/08/0017

Closing date: midday, 7th February 2008.

Resilience Co-ordinator

£19,572 – £29,190 per annum Salary
dependent on experience and progression
through the Career Grade is based on the
fulfilment of required competencies
Invicta House, Maidstone

KCC delivers vital services to the public and it is essential that it can continue to do so in times of crisis. To ensure this, we need an additional person to help develop our business continuity arrangements.

If you understand business continuity in its widest sense and can guide and motivate people who work across a broad range of disciplines, please contact us. Knowledge of Local Government functions and organisation would be an advantage, but we are not seeking IS/IT specialists.

As a member of the Emergency Planning Group you may also be actively involved in addressing any emergency affecting the County. Ref: CD/08/0014.

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.

Emergency Planning Officer

Salary and location as above.

KCC and the District Councils in Kent play a vital role in responding to a wide range of emergencies, helping those affected and restoring the community to normality. We need another person to join our Team to assist in discharging the County Council's duties under the Civil Contingencies Act, and a range of associated activities. The work is interesting and challenging. You should have a sound knowledge of Local Government functions and organisation.

Knowledge of Emergency Planning would be an advantage.

Ref: CD/08/0015

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.



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Kent Adult Placement

Kent Adult Placement Scheme is a service that supports vulnerable adults to access greater everyday life opportunities within their local community, by recruiting and supporting ordinary members of the community to become carers.

Carers and their families open their homes to provide, a place to stay and support individuals who want to be more independent by sharing and contributing in an ordinary family lifestyle.

Team Manager – Adult Placement Scheme

Starting salary £29,190, with progression
through contribution related pay to £34,507
per annum

Kroner House, Ashford

As a Team Manager, you will be skilled in managing and developing person centred support services that promote independence and inclusion.

You will need to be committed to work in partnership with staff, people who use our service and carers to ensure high quality services are delivered that meet Care Standards.

Good communication, budget management, business planning, performance management and people skills are essential to this post

We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. Ref: KASS/08/0020.

Closing date: midday, 11th February 2008.

Adult Placement Assistants

£16,556 to £22,268 Pro Rata salary
dependent on experience and progression
through the career grade is based on the
fulfilment of required competencies
Part-time 30 hours per week

Ashford, Kings Hill and Margate

As an Adult Placement Assistant you will assist the Adult Placement Officers in supporting and monitoring a growing caseload of placements.

You will work with carers, vulnerable adults, care managers and other professionals and need to demonstrate a person centred approach, excellent interpersonal/report writing skills and a good understanding of the needs of vulnerable people and the issues likely to impact on their lives

In return, you will receive a comprehensive induction, regular structured supervision and a strong commitment to training and development.

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This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. Ref: KASS/08/0008

Closing date: midday, 11th February 2008.

To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs Alternatively, please email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk, or call 0845 8247 904. Please quote the appropriate reference.



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DEPARTMENT OF POSTGRADUATE INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (ICT) in Initial Teacher Education

£27,466 to £40,335 per annum

You will contribute to ICT education teaching in a range of secondary ITE programmes.

With qualified teacher status, a relevant first degree and teaching experience in secondary schools, you will hold a higher degree or work towards one as a priority if appointed.

Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Acting Head of Department, William Stow, on 01227 782524. Ref: LSL3/PTD/77.

Closing date: 14 February 2008.

Interview date: 28 February 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (Science)

£27,466 to £40,335 per annum

You will contribute to Science teaching in a range of Primary Programmes depending on expertise and experience.

You will have qualified teacher status, a relevant first degree, teaching experience in primary and/or secondary schools, and a developed subject specialism in Science. You will hold a higher degree or work towards one as a priority if appointed.

Informal enquiries about the posts may be made to the Head of Department, Sue Kendall-Seatter, on 01227 782088. Ref: LSL7/PE/77.

REGISTRY

Assistant Registrar – Timetabling & Rooming

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum

You will lead the University's Timetable Unit which manages the teaching timetable and rooming of non-teaching events using a computerised system (Scientia Syllabus +). The Unit is responsible for the production of computerised University timetables. The role will involve developing policies and procedures in the area of timetabling and rooming to ensure that the service meets the needs of the institution and contributing, through the provision of data, to the development of the University's estate to meet the needs of academic and non-academic rooming requirements.

You will be qualified to first degree standard or equivalent with substantial administrative experience of timetabling and rooming within an HE/FE environment. A higher degree and a post experience management qualification would be advantageous. Ref: AR1/REG/77.

SPORT SCIENCE, TOURISM AND LEISURE

Research Development Officer (0.6fte)

(Fixed Term for 3 years)

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum pro-rata

Applications are invited for the post of Research Development Officer (RDO) to provide research development support to the newly established research centre: Sport, Physical Education and Activity Research (SPEAR). SPEAR is part of a strategic investment by the University and the RDO will play a key role in delivering SPEAR's research funding, research capacity building, collaborative research and academic publication strategies.

You will possess a good honours degree and/or Masters degree (with at least part in social science aspects of sport, leisure or physical education), and either have a PhD or be willing to register for one.

Informal enquiries to Professor Mike Weed on 01227 782743. Ref: RDO/SSTL/77.

The starting date is 1 April 2008 or as soon as possible thereafter.

STUDENT STUDY SUPPORT UNIT (SSSU)

Study Skills Adviser (18.5 hours)

£27,466 to £29,139 pro-rata per annum

You will help deliver a range of academic support services to students, including producing study skills and learning development resources, undertaking academic guidance work and actively contributing to the workshop programme.

With a degree or equivalent, you will have experience of working with HE students from a wide variety of backgrounds and supporting them to develop effective study and learning strategies. You will be committed to the delivery of a high quality service in support of the University's widening participation and retention agendas.

You must show initiative and be able to work without close supervision. Possession of relevant teaching qualifications, together with a level of IT literacy that encompasses familiarity with software applications for study support, would be advantageous. Ref: STU/SSSU/77.

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference. No agencies.

Closing date unless stated: 15 February 2008.



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Science Technician

£15,853 to £18,085 p.a. (pro rata)

Part-time, term time only

We are looking for a bright and enthusiastic person to work closely with one other part-time Science Technician to provide technical support in applied animal, plant science and related subjects, to teaching staff and to students following a broad range of further and higher education programmes.

Responsibilities will include the preparation of the College laboratories and ensuring the practical and teaching aids and equipment are readily available. The successful applicant will possess good practical ability, ideally have experience of working in a laboratory environment and have a relevant qualification.

This is a part-time role working 25 hours per week, 9.30am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday during term time only (some flexibility possible).

The post is based at the main campus in Hadlow, however the successful applicant may be required to provide technical support at our satellite centres on occasions.

To receive an information pack and application form please telephone the Human Resources Department on 01732 850551 or e-mail us at jobs@hadlow.ac.uk.

The closing date is Monday, 18th February 2008.

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Canterbury College



Director of FE Curriculum

Salary £75,000 37 hours per week

Post Ref:DFE

Exciting developments continue at Canterbury College, one of the largest providers of FE in the South East. These include a new campus redevelopment offering modern state of the art facilities. With rising success rates, growth in recruitment and a positive recent Ofsted inspection, Canterbury College is determined to be one of the best FE colleges in the south east by 2010, meeting the needs of students, employers and communities in East Kent and beyond.

Now the College is looking for a new Director of FE Curriculum to be a key member of the Senior Management Team and to deputise for the Principal. Reporting to the Principal you'll be responsible for shaping the future direction of the whole of the FE curriculum, across seven Faculties and the satellite Sheppey College.

Up to date knowledge of the FE curriculum and a good understanding of key national developments is essential. So too is a commitment to excellence, a focus on delivery and strategic understanding. A self-starter with drive, energy and enthusiasm, you'll have the presence, credibility and influencing skills to inspire confidence in staff, partner schools and all those with whom you'll engage. In return you'll gain the experience and the support to position you for leading your own college.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above post is Friday 22 February 2008 at 12 noon. Interviews will take place on: 13 & 14 March 2008.

Staff benefits include:

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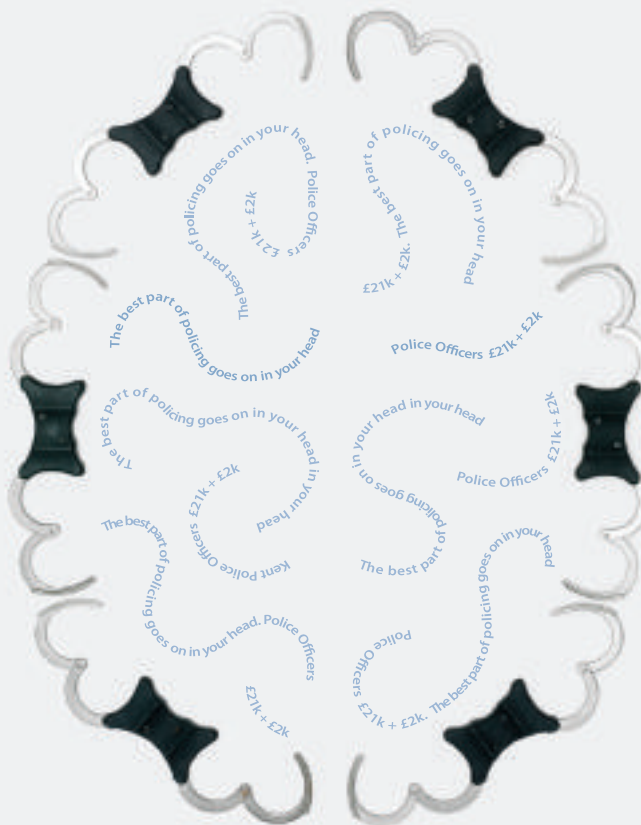


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DEPUTY STUDIO MANAGER | Competitive salary + benefits

You will be required to assist the Head of Studio in implementing and operating a new production and reprographic system. You will have experience of managing a team of creative professionals and knowledge of pre-press processes is essential. An understanding of print-based content management systems is highly desirable. Ref: SG172/KOS

SENIOR COPYWRITER | Competitive salary + benefits

Everyone can write. But not everyone can write accurate, persuasive, compelling copy for a range of financial services and travel products and for such a discerning readership – while still meeting tight deadlines. But this is only part of the job. Your exceptional organisational skills and the ability to motivate and manage people will also help you successfully lead a team of copywriters. Ref: SG173/KOS

These are challenging roles with great rewards, including private healthcare, a pension scheme and wide-ranging concessions. If you have a positive attitude and are able to always remain calm and focused under pressure, then why not find out more?

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FREELANCE DESIGNERS AND COPYWRITERS

The Saga Studio has an ongoing need for experienced professionals to help out during peak production periods. Speed, accuracy and flexibility are essential, as are strong Quark and/or InDesign skills for Designers and word processing for Copywriters. Ref: SG174/KOS

CONTENT LOADERS

Contract positions are available for people to transfer brochure content and keyword photographic images on to a central database. Full training will be given. Experience of a design or print environment and Apple Macs would be beneficial. Ref: SG175/KOS

Tell us why you would be right for one of these roles by sending your CV and covering letter with salary expectations (plus three examples of your work for the Designer and Copywriter vacancies) to Sally-Jane Plenge, Senior Group HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, The Saga Building, Enbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE or e-mail: human.resources@saga.co.uk. Please quote the appropriate reference number in your application.

Closing date: 22 February 2008.

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Mid-Kent College is one of the largest providers of Further Education in Kent with over 12,000 students, 800 staff and an income in excess of £27m.

Located at four sites in Maidstone, Chatham and Rochester we will open our new £82 million campus to students in September 2009.

At a time of unprecedented change the College is looking to recruit a number of professionals to help deliver our vision and values in the following areas.



Additional Learning Support (CAST) Tutor Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 183

The main task of the post-holder will be to organise, deliver, monitor and evaluate the additional learning support for learners. Preferably JCO qualified. You will also have a recognised teaching qualification and be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in assessing and supporting learners.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 217

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic professionals to teach, assess and participate in the development of Electrical Installation courses. The successful candidate will assist learners in all practical aspects of electrical installation and be able to assess competence at all levels on electrical programmes. The applicant must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation with Programme Co-ordination Responsibilities Grade: Circa: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 226

We have an excellent opportunity for a Lecturer in Electrical Installation who will be actively involved in the development and promotion of Electrical Installation programmes. The ideal candidate must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. This post would provide an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated lecturer to take a first step into Management.

Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 320

The primary role of the post-holder will be to teach, demonstrate, facilitate, assess machining operations and participate in the development of Mechanical Engineering courses. You will have proven experience in Mechanical Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Knowledge of CAD/CAM would be an advantage, applicants should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Psychology Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 262

We are looking for a Lecturer in Psychology to teach on a range of courses and participate in the development of Psychology. Applicants should hold a relevant degree in Psychology and have the ability to teach A/S and A2 Level and Access courses.

Chief Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 294

You will contribute to the development, management and teaching of hospitality programmes. With current knowledge and practical experience of the Catering Industry you will have sufficient teaching experience and education to Level 3 or the equivalent in a relevant field. The candidate must have a recognised teaching qualification, Intermediate Food Hygiene certificate and possess either a D32/33 or A Award.

HE Lecturer in Tourism (22 hours per week) Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954 pro-rata

Ref: 297

An opportunity has arisen for a HE Lecturer in Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on our foundation degree in tourism. You will also be required to teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a degree in Tourism and be willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts Lecturer Grade B £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 081

We have an exciting opportunity for a creative and dynamic individual with enthusiasm for working with younger students. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working.

You will have experience teaching in FE, ideally with an acting and/or drama specialism with a minimum first degree in relevant subject area and hold an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Basic Skills, Key Skills & ESOL Lecturer Grade A: £16,399 - £23,840

Ref: 383

The post holder will join a team of teachers who are responsible for delivering Skills for Life qualifications in ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills. The job involves preparing, organising and teaching ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills qualifications to full time and part time students. You will be a graduate with teaching experience and ideally have an ESOL/EFL qualification.

Personal Tutor (Fixed-Term & Permanent) Grade E £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: 132

As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. A key responsibility will be to effectively liaise with departmental staff, parents/guardians and attend various meetings to share relevant information. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

Assessor in Engineering (15 hours per week) Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700 pro-rata

Ref: 325A

An opportunity has arisen for an Assessor in Engineering. The successful candidates will be responsible for monitoring the progress of trainees and ensuring employers and managing agents are appraised of trainee progress in their respective areas. The post(s) will be responsible for assessing practical skills and internal verification of trainees therefore candidates should hold a relevant qualification for Mechanical Engineering or Services or Fabrication & Welding assessment.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Electrical Installation Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: N04

We are looking for an Assessor/Officer in Electrical Installation. The successful candidate will review and assess learners in all aspects of electrical installation. You must possess a suitable qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. Good communication skills, both verbal and written are essential and ability to travel between College sites.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Carpentry Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: 003

As a member of Construction Crafts you will liaise with employers and learners to co-ordinate, review and assess apprentices on funded programmes. You will have experience working in the Construction Industry as a Wood Occupations Assessor and have up-to-date knowledge of assessment issues.

Personnel Officer Grade: Circa £26,000 to £30,000

Ref: N01

Using strong business acumen you will provide comprehensive generalist advice to our clients and work closely with senior managers on specific projects and TUPE transfers.

You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of employment legislation, including TUPE and have significant experience of capability, disciplinary and grievance procedures. The successful applicant must have the ability to introduce change effectively and diplomatically, whilst knowledge of payroll would be advantageous. You will have obtained a degree or equivalent qualification and CIPD membership/part membership or a willingness to work towards membership.

Personnel Advisor Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 492

As a member of the Personnel department you will complement the existing team in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Personnel function. You will provide generalist advice to managers and staff and have an understanding of recent developments in employment legislation. The successful candidate will be educated to level 2/3 or equivalent and be able to demonstrate excellent administrative skills and practical knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. In addition, an interest in Payroll would be advantageous and you will have obtained your CPP qualification or be willing to work towards it.

Payroll Assistant Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 487

As a member of the Personnel and Payroll department you will assist in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Payroll, including processing joiners, leavers, pensions and claim forms. You will be able to demonstrate excellent numeracy skills and have the ability to produce and manipulate data using spreadsheets. Previous Payroll experience and an interest in employee relations would be advantageous.

Technician in Beauty Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 045

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to learners and assists with the running of various Clinics. You will be energetic with good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within the beauty industry.

Travel Shop Advisor (15 hours per week) Grade D: £17,341 - £22,239 pro-rata

Ref: 313

A vacancy has arisen in our fully ABTA bonded travel agency for an experienced travel consultant. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of travel courses and provide comprehensive and professional travel provision for staff, students and visitors to the College.

Examinations Assistant Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 605

As the main point of contact for at least one Awarding Body you will provide administrative support for examinations in liaison with the examinations co-ordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft Word and Excel.

Receptionist/Administrator (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover, Maidstone) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

Ref: 464

Receptionist/Administrator (Chatham & Rochester) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 397

As a member of the multi-disciplined Campus Management Team you will provide a comprehensive and efficient front-line service to College stakeholders. You will undertake the full range of reception and administrative duties and have experience using MS Office applications. Previous reception/administration and front-line experience essential.

Library Assistant (18.5 hours per week 40 weeks per year) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

Ref: 559

As part of a team you will assist in the provision of front line library services, ensuring the delivery of high quality, easily accessible services to all users. We are looking to appoint a professional and enthusiastic individual with excellent administrative skills who is able to work accurately with alpha/numeric systems. You will be educated to GCSE or equivalent level in Mathematics and English.

Learner Finance Administrator Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 615

Your prime responsibility will be to define and maintain a central College system for delivering the administrative requirements of all Learner Finance services within set financial guidelines. Services include, Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and the Audit Learning Grant (ALG).

Department Administrator (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

Ref: 442

You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications.

Apprentice in Administration (1 year Fixed-Term Contract) Grade A: based on percentage of £9,350

Ref: N02

As a member of the Curriculum Team you will provide support to College stakeholders and the learning and development function. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

Administration Assistant (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover) Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994 per annum

Ref: 485

Working with the Learning and development team you will assist in the planning and co-ordination of all Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities. Advanced knowledge and experience of using Microsoft Office and the ability to plan, organise and take minutes of meetings is essential.

Entry to Employment Facilitator (6 months Fixed-Term) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

Ref: N03

We are looking to recruit an individual with excellent administration skills to assist with the day-to-day recording of student progress and to liaise with external and internal agencies under the guidance of Tutors.

Please note that all posts are subject to a 3% cost of living increase effective from 1 February 2008.

The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working and on-site gym.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) or e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference number.

Closing date: Friday, 15 February 2008

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Sheppey College

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Placement Officer – Childcare

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: SHPO/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Administration

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: SH/Admin/KOS

Beauty

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: SH/Beauty/KOS

Hair

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: SH/Hair/KOS

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is
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Lecturer Beauty Therapy and Holistic Therapies

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 02/43/KOS

Head Chef

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,284 per annum.
Post Ref: HC1/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/BS/KOS

Hairdressing

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/Hair/KOS

Health & Social Care

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/HSC/KOS

Business

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/Bus/KOS

Management & CPD courses

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/MB&CPD/KOS

Accounting

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/AC/KOS

Law

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/Law/KOS

ICT and Computing

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/ICT/KOS

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Wood recycling is a significant part of Kent County Council's strategy to drive up overall levels of recycling. These contracts therefore cohesively support recently awarded contracts for the management of HWRC sites and are expected to integrate and support each other.

It must be stressed that Kent County Council Waste Management is primarily interested in solutions which recycle the wood rather than recover energy from the wood waste.

The contracts will be split into two distinct types to cover the full extent of wood based resources which arise at the first HWRC sites.

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We're in a mess at work

CHAOTIC office and factory conditions cause half of workers to get depressed or fed-up – and one in five employees is prepared to leave a job over a disorderly work environment, according to new research from Lloyds TSB.

Overflowing filing cabinets, excess furniture and piles of clutter are named as common sights in almost half (47 per cent) of workplaces, with one in ten UK employees admitting to working in a state of disorder.

Careers fair a success

KENT radio station Invicta FM held its first-ever Careers Expo and it proved to be just the job for listeners and clients. About 1,500 people attended the event at the Westgate Hall in Canterbury to find out what Kent has to offer them in 2008. The Invicta FM Careers Expo offered information on different professions, job application processes and further education.

January stays static

SOME retailers in the South East have seen falling New Year's sales, a survey by the CBI has revealed. The Distributive Trades Survey showed 39 per cent of retailers said year-on-year sales volumes rose in the first half of January, while 34 per cent said they were down. Malcolm Hyde of the CBI South East said: "The January sales were a little flat this year."

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Stress adds to sick rate

■ BY TONY PATEY

ONE of the nation's leading emotional support groups has found workplace bullying is "endemic" and that for an incredible one in four people it is a weekly and even daily cause of stress.

The Samaritans, which has offices in Ashford, Canterbury, Folkestone, Maidstone, Rochester and Tunbridge Wells, found in a nationwide survey that more than 80 per cent of workers had been bullied during their careers – and a third are so stressed they have dreamed of quitting for a life abroad.

More than half say their jobs are getting more stressful and work is overtaking their home lives.

The Samaritans' Joe Ferns said: "Job-related stress has a serious and unrecognised impact on the health of the nation and the economy, affecting concentration and efficiency.

Thirteen million working days were lost to stress, depression and anxiety in 2005 at a staggering cost of £3.7 billion to UK firms.

"There is not enough openness – we should be encouraging employers and employees to speak out and discuss problems before they escalate."

Young employees (aged 18-24) are most vulnerable to stress, with 38 per cent feeling less likely than all other age groups to talk openly to their managers and 57 per cent unable to talk to colleagues.

Forty-eight per cent are more likely to be bullied by clients and customers, whereas more than half of other age groups reported being bullied by their managers.

Occupation has a major influence, with more than 40 per cent of IT workers, retail-

ers, caterers and engineers feeling unsupported at work and more than half unable to deal with stress, compared with people in health, education and finance more than half of whom claim they receive adequate support at work.

The survey also showed that:

- 32 per cent of workers feel their employers turn a blind eye to the problem of stress and 43 per cent feel their bosses try to get as much out of them as possible, regardless of their stress levels.

- More than half have seen colleagues cry over pressure and 83 per cent would rather say they were sick with flu or another problem rather than admit they were stressed.

- When it comes to sharing domestic stress, three-quarters of women in the UK take sole responsibility for domestic tasks.



SICK LEAVE: Bullying in the workplace is still rife

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Winfield brace seals Town win

LEE Winfield scored twice as Hythe Town beat in-form Faversham Town 3-1 to enhance their Kent Premier League title credentials.

Faversham took the lead at Salters Lane, but quick goals from Winfield and Buster Smitten edged the visitors in front.

The game remained in the balance until Winfield netted his second in the 89th minute.

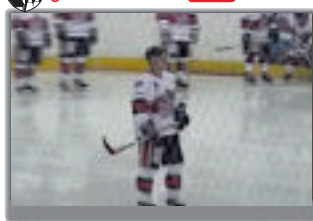
With league leaders VCD Athletic losing at home, the win allowed Hythe to close the gap at the top to five points.

Paul Fisk's side still have a game in hand and every chance of winning their third league game on the trot when they host bottom side Tunbridge Wells on Saturday.

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Invicta Dynamos in action against their arch-rivals Streatham

Hackett arrows secure victory

KEVAN Hackett held his nerve in the final game of the season to win the Dover Invitation Darts League as Bull A leapfrogged Boars Head Diamonds to take the Division One title.

The Diamonds came into the match with a 100 per cent record and took a 2-0 lead in the doubles.

Bull took three of the next four games to square the match at 3-3, but Diamonds captain George Clark restored the lead in a pulsating match against Steve Rebbeck.

Diamonds only needed to win one of the last two games to complete a perfect season, but Ash Battie and then Hackett held firm to pull off the shock result and take the title by the narrowest of margins.

At the other end, the Archer were relegated as they lost 5-4 to the Three Cups, who finished third.

In Division Two, the Admiral Harvey A won promotion alongside Boars Head B as they beat the Archer 5-4.



UNDER PRESSURE: Dover Athletic striker Lee Browning (in red) holds off a challenge in Saturday's draw against Dulwich Hamlet which saw the Whites' lead at the top narrow to one point

Hessenthaler keeps the focus on remaining top

FOOTBALL

■ BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

Dulwich Hamlet 1 Dover 1

the draws and the defeat, but we are still at the top of the league with a game in hand.

"We have 16 games left and I have said to the players that even if we lose one more game, I still think we can claim the title. We have got to treat each of these games like a cup final."

The draw kept Dover a point ahead of Tooting & Mitcham, who won away at Chipstead.

Athletic had the chance to move four points clear on Monday night when they played their game in hand against lowly Horsham YMCA at Crabble.

This weekend Dover are again at home to a side in the bottom half, as they host Croydon Athletic.

While the club's forwards have received much

attention in recent weeks, the best signing of the season could be bringing in goalkeeper John Whitehouse from Chatham.

Hamlet's goal was the first he had conceded in three matches and Hessenthaler is delighted with his latest acquisition.

He said: "Until we signed John Whitehouse we have not had much competition for the goalkeeper position, so it is great for the club to have John."

"He first came to my knowledge after he had a magnificent game for Chatham against us earlier in the season. He then went on to repeat it against us a few weeks ago."

"He has performed well in his first games for us and has put the pressure on Dean Ruddy to win his place back."

The club were also boosted last week when Craig Cloke signed a new contract, which will keep him at the club until 2010.

Hessenthaler said: "He is a Dover lad through and through and would do anything for this club. He has been here for nearly ten years and has been a great servant."

Twickers final in Shark's sights

RUGBY

Dover 25 Rochford Hundred 20

was released and an inside pass to Ricky Mackintosh saw him burst over to touch down.

Martyn Beaumont converted and the fly-half extended the lead to 10-0 with a penalty on 25 minutes.

Ed Close and Ben Sedgwick scored tries before the break to put the Sharks in control with a 20 point lead.

The 200 home fans at Crabble were jubilant but Rochford hit back hard in the second half.

They capitalised with two Dover

DREAMS of a Twickenham appearance in the spring are still alive for Dover after they moved into the last eight of the Senior Vase.

The Sharks are two wins away from the showpiece final, but they almost contrived to lose the game after building a comfortable lead.

The hosts dominated the first half against their opponents from Essex.

They might have taken the lead inside the first minute, but a dropped pass and then a penalty miss kept the game scoreless.

The hosts took the lead after ten minutes when hooker Kirk Savage stole a ball deep in the Rochford half. From the ruck, Jon Foster

players in the sin bin, scoring two converted tries and a penalty to make it 20-17.

The Sharks were in real danger of throwing the game away, but with the return of the players from the bin they gradually found their feet.

Mackintosh completed a flowing move for his second try of the match and although the visitors scored another penalty Dover held out for the win.

Sharks coach Graham Tonks said: "Twickenham does seem far away but we are now a game closer."

"We became complacent, thinking the game was won. We need to learn from this and I look forward to the challenge of Old Mid Whitgiftians next week."



LAST EIGHT: Dover scraped into the quarter-finals of the Senior Vase with a win against Essex side Rochford Hundred

Cugley wary over relaxing just yet

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Folkestone Invicta 3 Tonbridge Angels 2

ON loan Gillingham teenager Marvin Hamilton scored twice to give Folkestone Invicta their fifth win in six home games and propel them to within a point of the Ryman Premier's top half.

The visitors struggled after their goalkeeper was sent off early in the second half for bringing down Lloyd Blackman, with defender Kevin Watson dispatching the penalty.

Invicta's victory extended their formidable recent record at the Buzzlines Stadium which has taken them clear of relegation trouble.

Folkestone are in a cluster of five clubs separated by one point and while Invicta boss Neil Cugley was pleased with the result, he was not getting carried away with their league position.

He said: "The table is unbelievable, if we win we go shooting up but when you lose you drop a few places.

"I think we need five more wins and then we can relax a bit, our target is to finish in mid-table.

"It was hard work against Tonbridge, but we stuck to our task. I'm pleased to see Marvin get a couple of goals. It was a gamble to play him up front, but one that paid off."

Hamilton put the hosts in front after 12 minutes, but the visitors went in level at the break thanks to a goal from Carl Rook.

The game turned towards the home side just after the break when Tonbridge Angels goalkeeper Matt Reed brought down Lloyd Blackman.

Reed was sent off and with no substitute keeper, the visitors were forced to put an outfield player in goal. Midfielder Robbie Kember took over, but could not prevent Watson putting Invicta in front.

Hamilton put Invicta 3-1 up, but his Gills colleague Tom Bryant scored an own goal in stoppage time to complete the scoring.



Picture LAWRENCE ARNOLD

ON THE SPOT: Defender Kevin Watson scored a penalty after Tonbridge Angels' goalkeeper Matt Reed was sent off

Stones hit by missing players

RUGBY

Crowborough 45 Folkestone 6



TRYING TIMES: Folkestone (in green) had a bare XV

A THREADBARE Folkestone side were missing 22 first XV players as they succumbed to their heaviest defeat of the season at Crowborough.

The original fixture was postponed, so under league rules the fixture was rearranged for the first available free weekend.

With many players planning ahead to make other arrangements on their week-end off on top of a sizeable injury list, Folkestone could not field a full squad – naming only two replacements.

Gee Aquavive, Mike Gardiner and Martin Murray were drafted into the squad for their debuts and Matt Weatherley made his first appearance since the start of the season.

Weatherley made a bright start but was forced off injured after only ten minutes.

The afternoon got worse for the visitors as Darren Lehmann, Mark Rogers and Ollie Brooks all limped off to leave Folkestone with only 13 fit players in the final 20 minutes.

Despite all their problems, the Stones kept the game tight in the first half.

Seyhan Fell opened the scoring with a penalty before the home team scored two quick tries.

Stones hit back with another penalty and Chris Gamble almost ended a brilliant move with a try.

Crowborough moved in for the kill in the second half as Folkestone's numbers depleted, but those that remained played with great spirit.

John Eustace, 18, had an excellent game. He was promoted into the first XV from the club's youth system towards the end of last season and is improving with every game.

The defeat left Folkestone in sixth place in London South East Four ahead of Saturday's trip to basement side Horsham.

Elsewhere, former Folkestone player and current England women's captain Catherine Spencer helped her side begin the Six Nations in style.

The 28-year-old scored a try as Wales were humbled 55-0 at London Irish RFC.

It was the perfect start as the team look to become the first to win a third consecutive Six Nations Grand Slam.

Armstrong puts his best boot forward



GOOD TRY: Deal and Betteshanger ended a run of three successive defeats with a morale-boosting win against Eastbourne to keep them in fifth place

LUKE Armstrong scored a try with one boot in the dying minutes to seal Deal and Betteshanger's first win since December 1.

The winger picked up the ball on the halfway line and surged under the posts, losing one of his red boots in the process.

With other sides involved in cup action, the win allowed Deal to close the gap on the teams above them.

Team coach Martyn Michael was pleased to end his side's run of three defeats.

He said: "It was not a classic, but the players are delighted to get a win, however it comes. Eastbourne were very good in the set piece, but defensively we were very strong."

The visitors enjoyed the best of a scrappy first half. They were twice held up over the line and Deal were pleased to get in at the break with the game still scoreless.

After a long wait, Steve Donnelly finally opened the scoring in the second half, finishing off a flowing move for the home side. Tom Best converted to make it 7-0.

RUGBY

Deal and Betteshanger 14 Eastbourne 5

The visitors responded with a try of their own shortly afterwards, but a missed conversion meant Deal clung on to a narrow lead.

Armstrong decided the game late on with an excellent individual effort, with Best putting the Lions out of reach with another conversion.

The win kept Deal fifth in London South East Three ahead of Saturday's game against Aylesford Bulls.

The Bulls ended Deal's winning start to the season when the teams met in October and Michael was expecting another tough game.

He said: "We have got a difficult fixture at home next week. The side we played last October will be possibly different to now – they have a few new signings so it will be a struggle."

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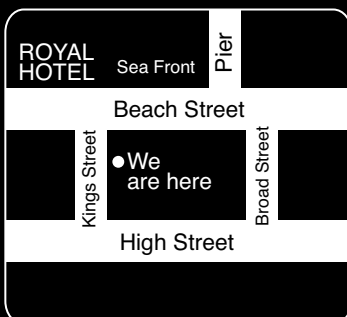
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